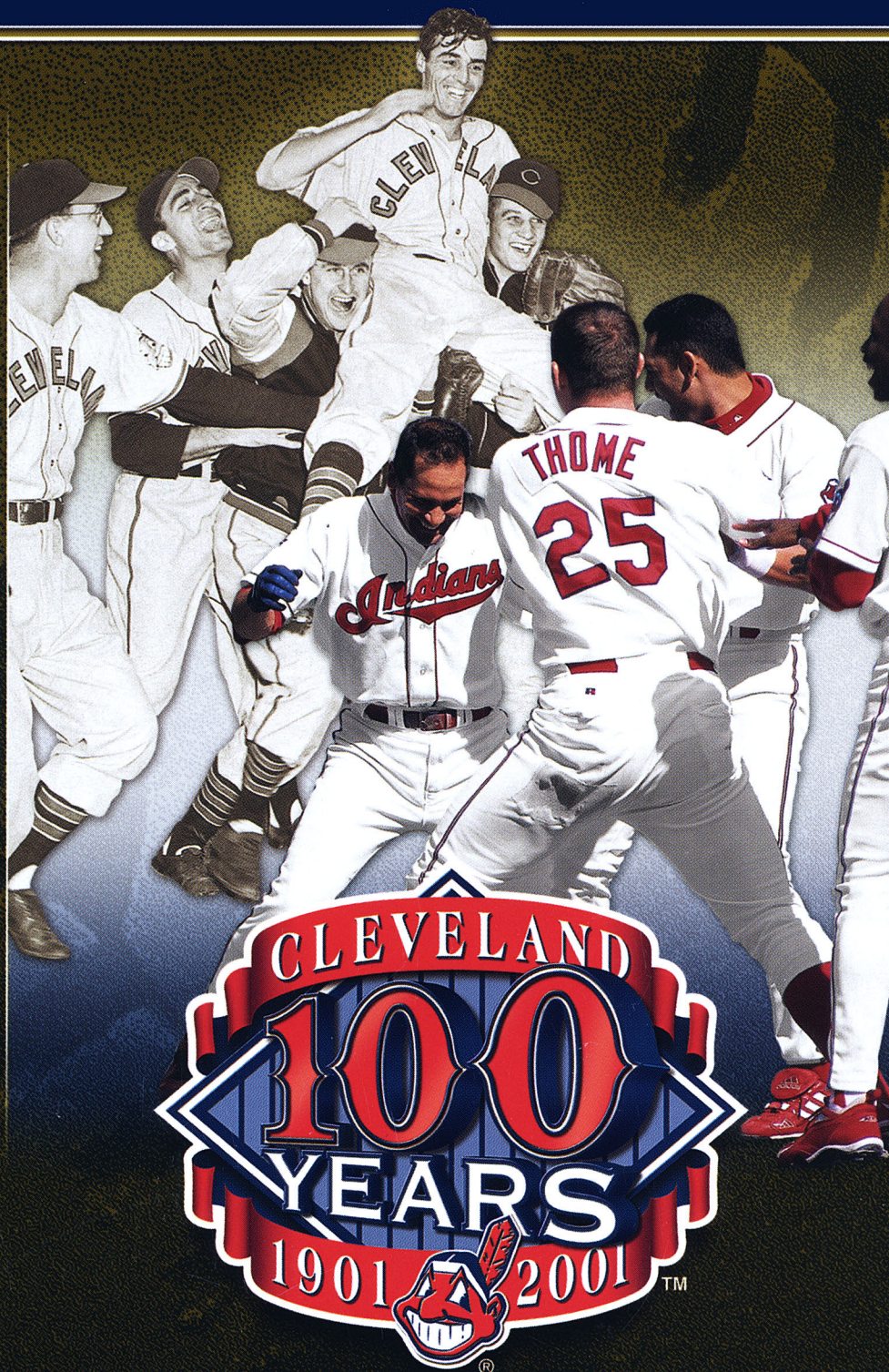


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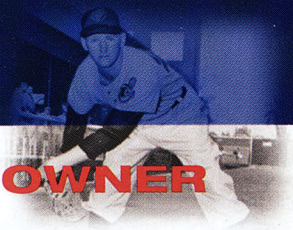


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## A LETTER FROM THE OWNER



### WELCOME TO JACOBS FIELD,

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Professional baseball in Cleveland is one of our city's oldest traditions. As one who has enjoyed Indians Baseball at League Park, Cleveland Stadium, and Jacobs Field, the 2001 season—in which we will be celebrating our historic 100th Anniversary as a charter member of the American League—has special meaning.

One of the great pleasures of our first year of ownership was getting to truly understand how special Indians Baseball is to you. During my walks around the Ballpark and at various speaking engagements throughout the community, I enjoyed receiving your input about our organization.

We have an array of special events and promotions planned for the 2001 season to connect our rich heritage with the excitement of today's players. Whether you're sitting in the stands at Jacobs Field, listening on radio, watching on television, accessing game and player information through our website, or reading the newspaper, your enjoyment of Indians Baseball is our main objective.

On behalf of the players and the entire front office staff, we thank you for your remarkable support. We look forward to providing you with the very best in sports entertainment. Together, we will continue the excitement and success of Indians Baseball in Cleveland.

Sincerely,

A stylized handwritten signature of Larry Dolan.

Larry Dolan  
President and Chief Executive Officer



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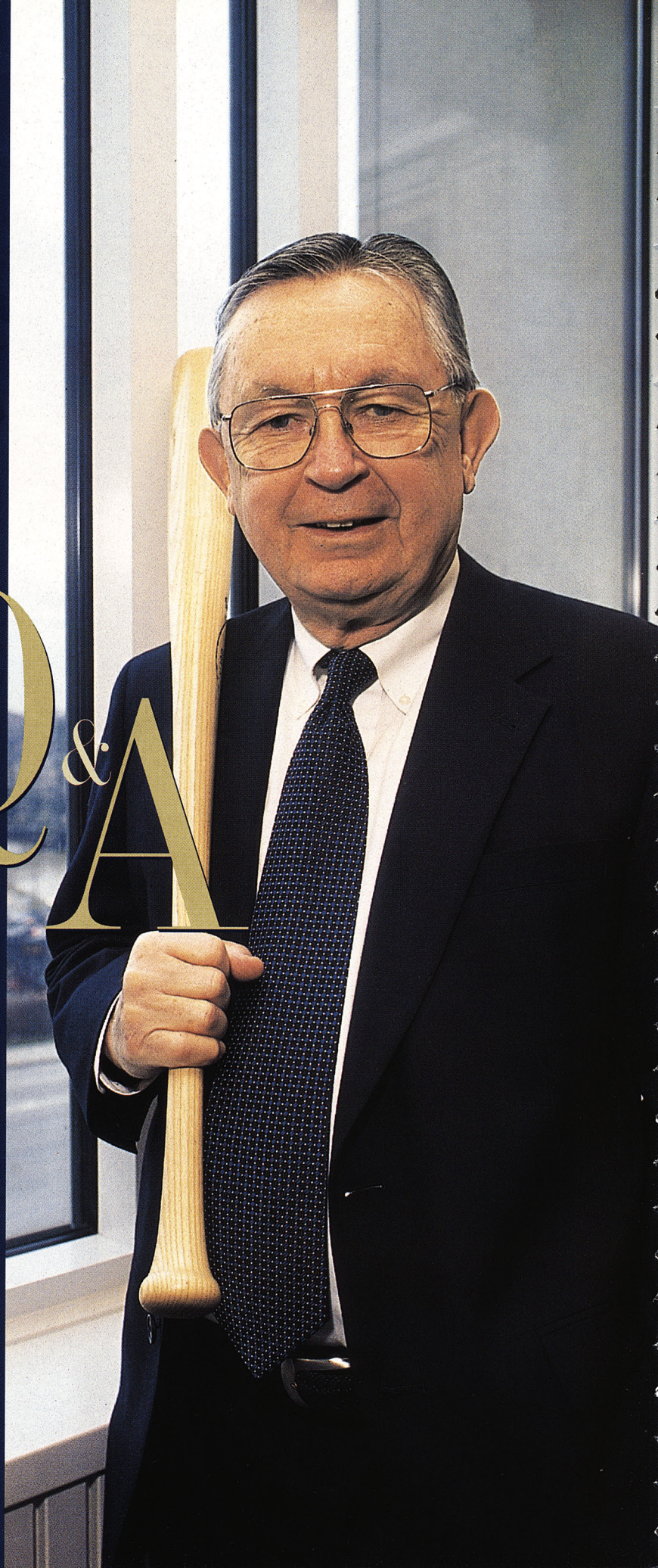
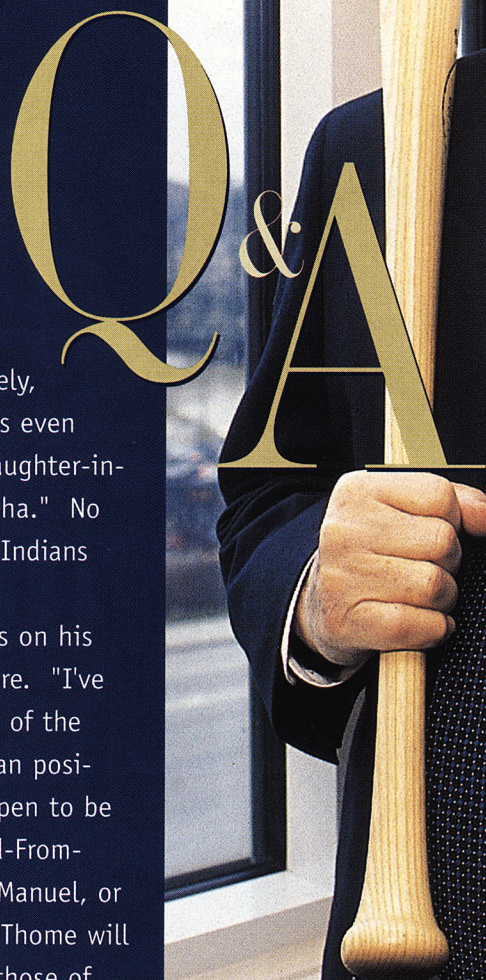
**T**he home plate woven into the carpet in front of Larry Dolan's desk seems incongruous until one remembers he was a pretty good high school and sandlot catcher in his youth. Dolan's playing position remembered, the rest of his fourth-floor office at Jacobs Field makes sense.

Former catcher Dolan's desk sits right behind the carpet's home plate. On the opposite wall hang three large, round pieces of carpet, decorated like baseballs. Each seems to be driven into what would be the left-centerfield power alley. From behind the desk, it seems Kenny Lofton would have little trouble making the plays.

On the right wall hangs another piece of baseball-related art, telling as much about Dolan as the home plate in the carpet and his desk-cum-backstop; a framed painting of a hitter making contact. The painting speaks volumes about Dolan in that there are many subtle shades of blue and many subtle details not seen until one looks closely, like Dolan himself. The painting says even more when Dolan says, "That's my daughter-in-law's work. Our son Matt's wife, Leisha." No doubt, family is as important to the Indians owner as the Indians.

Dolan's description of the reviews on his recently redecorated office reveal more. "I've had mixed reviews on the decoration of the office," he says. "More negatives than positives. But that's OK with me. I happen to be one of the positives." Obviously Bud-From-Berea's talk-radio opinion of Charlie Manuel, or John Hart, or Robbie Alomar, or Jim Thome will carry as much weight with Dolan as those of the decor critics: Dolan might listen. He'll still do what he thinks is right.

FOX Sports Net's Bill Needle recently met with Larry Dolan in the owner's fourth-floor office for a conversation on the 2001 Indians.







**Bill Needle:** Is the honeymoon still going on?

**Larry Dolan:** No (laughs), we've had a couple of quarrels going on about things. Let's say the love affair is still going strong, but the honeymoon, I think, is just about over.

**BN:** And those quarrels have been about what?

**LD:** The signings and the lack of signings. From a public relations point of view, I think the fans understood what we did—or did not do—with Manny. We didn't do a good job with Sandy.

Photos: Gregory Drezdson, all



## With Larry Dolan By Bill Needle

What we did with Sandy, I think, was appropriate. But how we did it...I think we could have done a better job.

**BN:** Other than this being your second year as owner, what's different this year at this time than a year ago?

**LD:** I feel a keener sense of urgency to win. I can remember after Opening Day last year, beautiful day, everything went fine, I thoroughly enjoyed it, it was wonderful, and I can remember saying to somebody on the way out, 'What a great day. The fact that we lost doesn't mean a thing.'

Well, we missed the playoffs by one game. If we had won that opening game, we'd have made the playoffs. Now, I've got an "Every Game Counts" mentality.

Now, that probably isn't very good for me. But now I feel very connected to winning and losing every game.





**BN:** Most athletes believe "Don't get too high when you win and don't get too low when you lose." It is, after all, a 162-game season. Could your "Every Game Counts" mentality possibly come to crossed purposes with your players' need to stay on an even keel over a long season?

**LD:** I'm not going to go into the locker room and bang my fists on a locker after a game. That feeling about every game is a personal one, not one to be expressed by the owner.

I sat and watched Cleveland in Boston last year go up seven-to-nothing and then saw that collapse. I think I saw some times when the players weren't providing the intensity. But I've never played 162 games in one year. I know it's difficult, but I want them to be aware that you can't throw away games.

I have no intention of giving a "halftime" speech to the players. It would be inappropriate. But I see the players. I bump into them. I think they're going to get a sense that I feel very strongly about that aspect.

**BN:** Did it seem like a long year? Did it go quickly?

**LD:** Looking back, it just whizzed by. I don't even remember the first two months, things were going so fast.

Photo: Gregory Drezdson



## Q&A With Larry Dolan

**BN:** Was it a good year? How would you characterize the first season?

**LD:** It's difficult to put a label on it. I had a lot of fun. I learned a lot. I made some mistakes. I hope I learn from the mistakes.

**BN:** What did you learn?

**LD:** Dealing with the press, in parts. Dealing with the staff, in parts. The biggest part was myself. You really have to pace yourself in this game. It's a business that has an annual report every day. I got a little caught up in the games. I think I need to keep some of the things further away - and deal more with some of the other things in my life.

**BN:** Were there any lessons you learned about Larry Dolan, the individual?

**LD:** There were times when I thought, 'Hey, Larry, you didn't do too bad—I didn't know you could do that.' Other times, it was, 'Larry, you talk too much sometimes.' It's a process. It goes on, I guess.

**BN:** Does Charlie Manuel have to take your club to the playoffs to retain his job?

**LD:** I won't comment on that.

**BN:** Many critics have suggested the Indians farm system is not as strong as it has been because of trades for immediate help for the Major League team. Fair to say?

**LD:** Of course it is. Look at the players you're talking about. You develop a farm system not solely so those players will play on your Major League team. You develop a farm system so your Major League team can be as good as it possibly can.

When we get players who are ready to blossom, to play in the Majors, and there's already an All-Star at that player's position, what do we do? Do we just keep sending them back to Buffalo, letting them rot?

No, I think you take your talent and use it to fill in where you have voids. Now, do you get enough in a given situation? How do you tell?



**BN:** Could that philosophy create a vacuum? In that when an All-Star turns 39 or 40, there's nobody ready to take his place?

**LD:** That's the art. We traded Brian Giles to Pittsburgh for Ricardo Rincon, who was just about the best left-handed reliever in the National League that year—but has not yet translated that to the American League.

Now we could use a Brian Giles. If we had him, we wouldn't have had to make some of the more expensive moves we did for this year.

## Q&A With Larry Dolan

You always try to keep your pipeline full. Now, ours happens to be filled with good, young pitching. Our baseball people are very, very excited about the young, talented pitching staff that we have at AAA Buffalo. The position players aren't there at the depth you want them to be—we've got five high draft picks this year. We'll address the position situation.

But it's unreasonable to expect you're going to get a constant flow of high-quality Minor Leaguers. I think the scouts and the folks in the front office have done a great job of providing us with a great deal of talent.

**BN:** Do you sense this is an aging team?

**LD:** That's the conventional wisdom. But why wouldn't that be the process? You get good players when they're young and they continue to be good—and all of a sudden, they're getting older. And, all of a sudden, that's bad for some reason.

Our signing of Omar Vizquel, the best defensive shortstop in the game, to an extension, so it can facilitate his connection to this franchise forever, is our reaction to those who think this veteran team is somehow hurt by its professionalism and experience.

**BN:** How much does this collection of All-Stars at almost every position have left?

**LD:** I don't know. Last September, it looked like they had a whole lot left. I think this team we're putting on the field in 2001 is as good as any team we've put on the field since Jacobs Field opened.

**BN:** Including the pitching?

**LD:** There is a lot that we like about our pitching in 2001. The 2001 staff is balanced. It's got experience and youth. If we have a breakdown like we did last year, going to our Minor League system will be a positive. We are excited about our pitching staff at AAA Buffalo. We have some great young arms. The Major League staff has arms that are already proven. How will they perform? Who knows? Based on the record of the people we have, this is as good a team as we have ever put on the field.

Photo: Gregory Drezdson



**BN:** What's the biggest question you face?

**LD:** For the year 2001, it's very simple—health. Stay healthy. If this team stays healthy, I'm very optimistic.

**BN:** Your team used 32 pitchers, yet still won 90 games, but finished out of the playoffs. Is it a concern to you that they're perceived as having had a bad year?

**LD:** It's a great concern to me. I would much more prefer the fans realize how good the baseball is. If another team comes in and plays better baseball, all the better. But in today's world, good baseball isn't enough. You have to win in order to realize the economic success that's necessary to continue to challenge for the titles.

**BN:** The fans play a vital role in the economic success equation, do they not?

**LD:** We cannot say it enough—the Cleveland Indians are a Ballpark-revenue driven franchise, and ticket sales plays a pivotal role in our ability to provide our fans with both a ballclub that has a legitimate chance to win and an entertaining setting in which to enjoy it.



## THE MANAGER

### Charlie Manuel #32

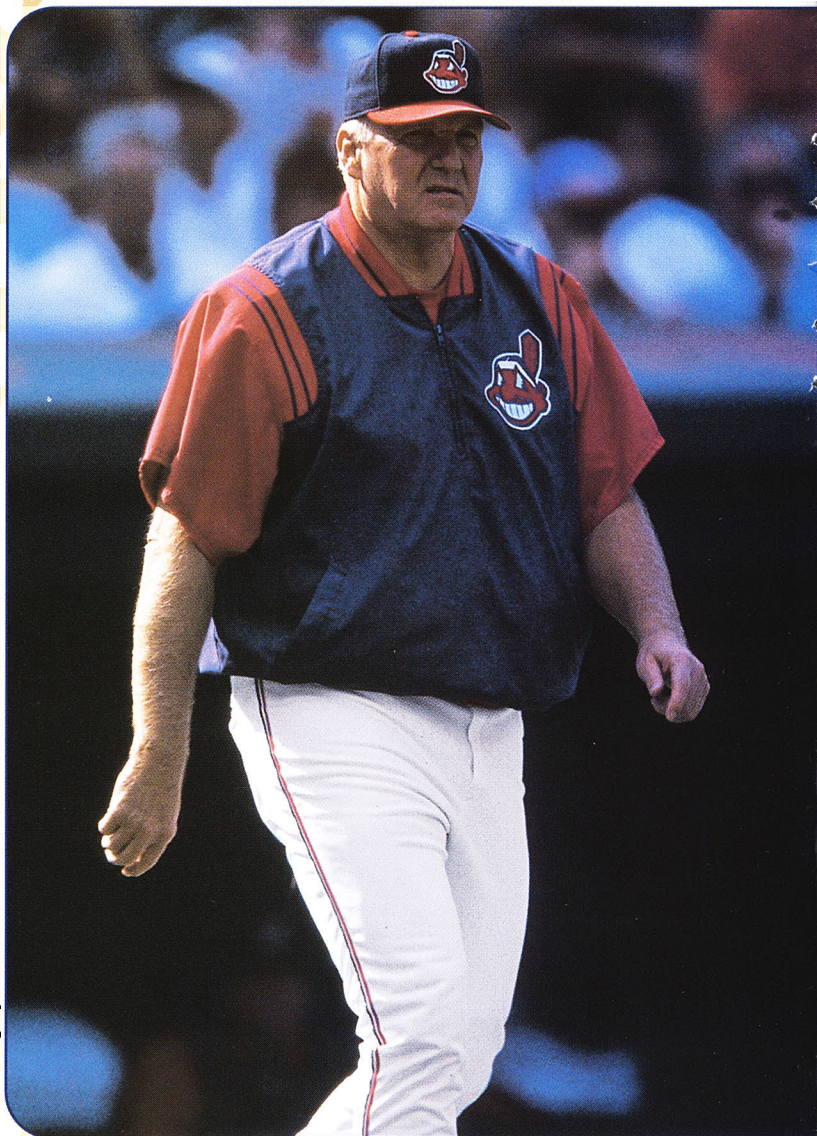
**Age:** 57, born January 4, 1944  
in North Fork, WV

**Bats:** L                      **Height:** 6-4  
**Throws:** R                  **Weight:** 220

#### MANAGERIAL/COACHING CAREER:

Charlie is in his second year as manager of the Cleveland Indians after being named to the post on November 1, 1999...Manuel replaced Mike Hargrove, becoming the 37th manager in the history of the Indians franchise... He posted a record of 90-72 (.556) in his first season as manager, becoming the first rookie Indians skipper to post 90 wins in his first season since Al Lopez (93-61) in 1951...He battled health problems early on, causing him to miss part of Spring Training as well as 13 games of the regular season...Spent six seasons from 1994-99 as the Tribe's Hitting Coach after being named to the staff on October 11, 1993...Under his tutelage in 1999 the Indians scored a franchise record and Major League

Photo: Gregory Drezdson



best 1009 runs, becoming the first team since the 1950 Boston Red Sox and 7th Major League team overall to eclipse the 1000 run plateau...From 1994-99, his second tour as Hitting Coach, the Indians led the American League in runs scored three times (1994-95, '99) & led the league in homers in 1994 & '95, setting a franchise record by hitting 220 HR in 1997.



## COACHING STAFF

### Grady Little

#9

**Age:** 51, born March 3, 1950 in Abilene, TX

**Position:** Bench Coach

**Bats:** R

**Height:** 5-11

**Throws:** R

**Weight:** 190

#### MANAGERIAL/COACHING CAREER:

Little is in his second season as Indians Bench Coach after being named to the Indians coaching staff on December 1, 1999...Grady will also instruct the Tribe catchers. He spent three seasons from 1997-99 as the Bench Coach for Jimmy Williams and the Boston Red Sox, who won the American League wildcard in 1998 and 1999.

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### Joel Skinner

#35

**Age:** 40, born February 21, 1961 in La Jolla, CA

**Position:** Third Base Coach

**Bats:** R

**Height:** 6-4

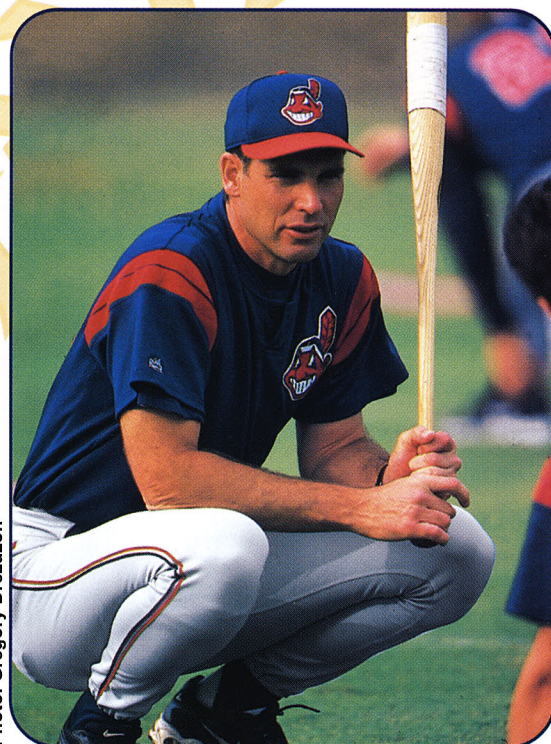
**Throws:** R

**Weight:** 204

#### MANAGERIAL/COACHING CAREER:

Begins his first season on Charlie Manuel's coaching staff after being appointed on November 10, 2000...Skinner spent six seasons managing in the Indians Player Development system from 1995-2000...Skinner's leadership of the AAA Bisons in 2000 earned him "Minor League Manager of the Year" honors from *Baseball America* and *The Sporting News* in addition to being named International League "Manager of the Year."

Photo: Gregory Drezdson





## COACHING STAFF

### Luis Isaac

#4

**Age:** 54, born June 19, 1946 in Rio Piedres, PR

**Position:** Bullpen Coach

**Bats:** R                      **Height:** 5-11

**Throws:** R                      **Weight:** 195

#### MANAGERIAL/COACHING CAREER:

Isaac is in his eighth year as a member of the Indians Major League coaching staff. Luis was named Bullpen Coach on October 11, 1993 and has been in the Cleveland Indians organization as a player, coach, manager, and scout since 1965.

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### Dick Pole

#38

**Age:** 50, born October 15, 1950 in Trout Creek, MI

**Position:** Pitching Coach

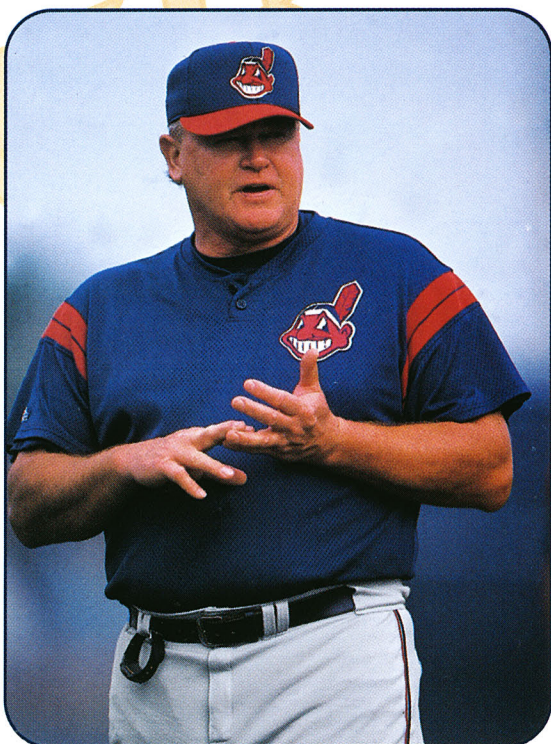
**Bats:** R                      **Height:** 6-2

**Throws:** R                      **Weight:** 210

#### MANAGERIAL/COACHING CAREER:

Pole is in his second season as Indians Pitching Coach after being named to the Indians coaching staff on November 10, 1999. Dick spent the 1999 season with the Anaheim Angels and guided them to the 5th best Earned Runs Average in the American League in 1999 (1431.1 IP, 1472 H, 762 ER, 877 SO).

Photo: Gregory Drezdson





## COACHING STAFF

### Ted Uhlaender

#11

**Age:** 60, born October 21, 1940 in Chicago Heights, IL

**Position:** First Base / Base Running / Outfield Coach

**Bats:** L                      **Height:** 6-2  
**Throws:** R                **Weight:** 190

#### MANAGERIAL/COACHING CAREER:

Uhlaender is in his second season as the Tribe's Base Running, First Base, and Outfield Coach after being named to the position by Charlie Manuel on November 5, 1999. Ted spent the 1998-1999 seasons with the San Francisco Giants as a Special Assistant in Player Personnel. He scouted various Major League organizations for the Giants and advanced Giants opponents during the second half of 1999.



Photo: Gregory Drezdson



Photo: Gregory Drezdson

### Clarence Jones

#28

**Age:** 59, born November 7, 1941 in Zanesville, OH

**Position:** Hitting Coach

**Bats:** L                      **Height:** 6-3  
**Throws:** L                **Weight:** 220

#### MANAGERIAL/COACHING CAREER:

Jones is in his third season on the Indians Major League coaching staff, his second as the Tribe's Hitting Coach, after being named Outfield Coach during the 1999 campaign. Clarence was a member of the Braves Major League coaching staff as the hitting coach for 11 seasons, from 1988-98.

### Dan Williams

#43

**Age:** 33, born September 3, 1966 in San Gabrielle, CA

**Position:** Bullpen Catcher

**Bats:** R                      **Height:** 6-3  
**Throws:** R                **Weight:** 245

#### MANAGERIAL/COACHING CAREER:

Williams enters his sixth full season with the Indians. Duties include catching starting and relief pitchers in the bullpen, throwing batting practice, and hitting fungoes. Dan also assists Bullpen Coach Luis Isaac in various pregame and postgame duties.



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# The Players





# Roberto Alomar

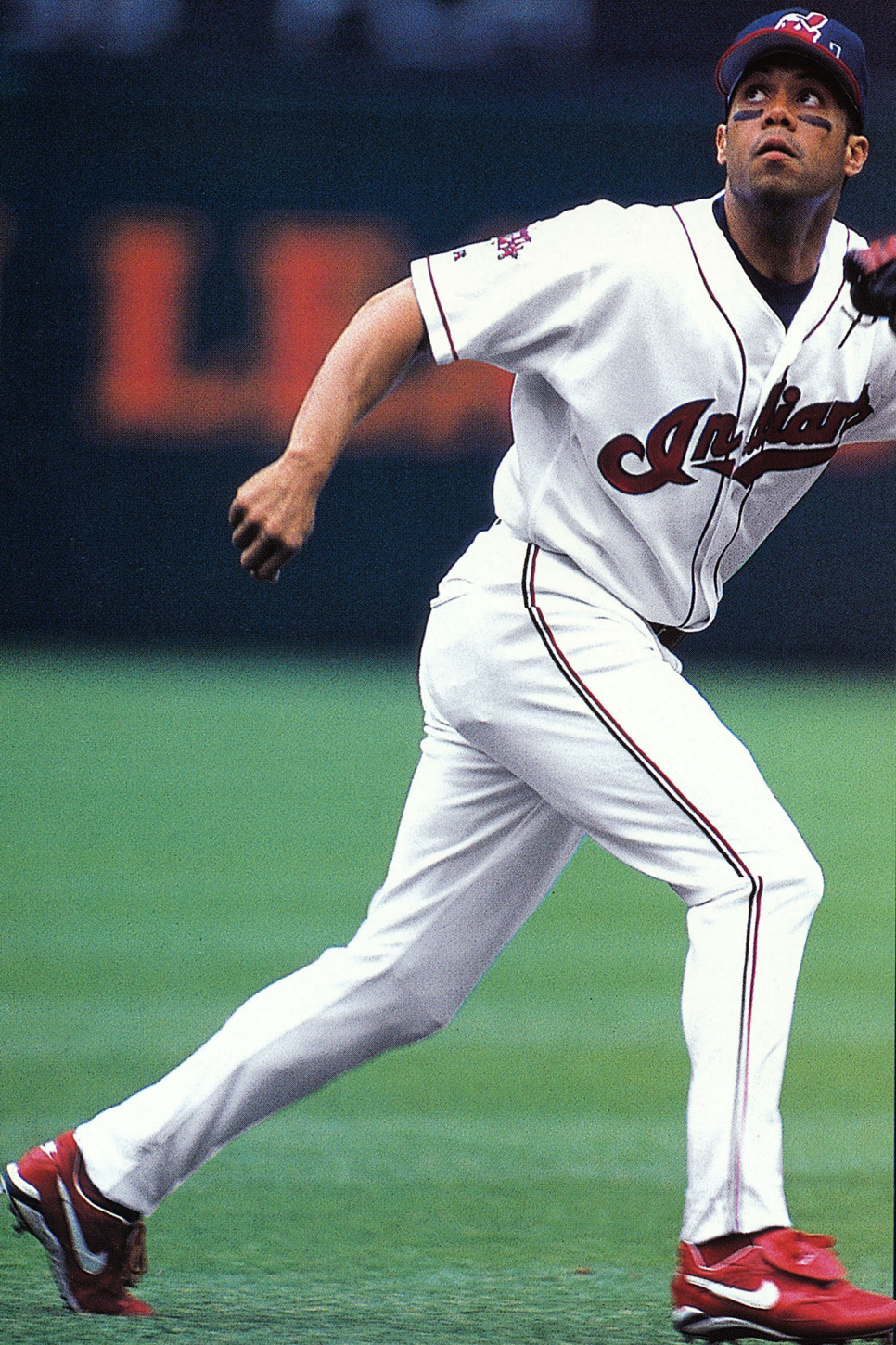


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### 2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Alomar's stellar season earned him his 9th career Rawlings Gold Glove Award and his 4th career Silver Slugger Award
- He was elected to his 10th straight All-Star Game in 2000, his 11th overall appearance in the Midsummer Classic
- From August 13 thru the end of the year after returning from a left ankle injury, Alomar hit .395 (75-190) with 19 2B, 6 HR & 40 RBI in 49 games... he finished strong enough to end the season 9th in the American League with a team-best 111 runs scored and 10th with a team-high 189 hits
- He hit over .300 for the 8th season in the big leagues...his .419 (54-129) average in September and October was the highest in the American League and his .370 (84-227) after August 1 was 2nd only to Manny Ramirez' .374
- He became the 36th player since 1898 (SB rule adopted) to have 400+ steals in a career on July 18 vs. Houston
- Alomar now owns 416 career steals after stealing 39 in 2000 (2nd in the AL)...his stolen base % of 90.7% (39 of 43) led all American League basestealers and his 12 steals of 3rd also led the AL
- His career fielding % of .98644 (6709 TC, 91 E) is the highest among second basemen in American League history...he committed only 11 errors over the last 138 games of the 2000 season
- Alomar was 5 for 13 (.385) with the bases loaded this year and now owns a career average of .377 (52-138) with 6 career grand slams...he hit his 6th career grand slam on August 27 at Anaheim off of Mark Petkovsek
- He is one of 23 active Major Leaguers with a career average of .304 or better (1000 or more at bats) and his 2196 career hits rank 7th among active players
- Alomar also played for the 2000 Major League All-Star Team that toured Japan in November, homering in his first at bat

Photo: Gregory Drezdzen





# Willie Blair



## 49 PITCHER

### 2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- This versatile veteran reached double digits in wins for the first time since the 1997 season when he won 16 games for the Tigers in 2000
- Blair began the season working out of the bullpen and saw 19 games of relief before a start on June 6 at Pittsburgh
- He had a 4.98 ERA in those 19 games working mostly in long-relief, including three outings of four-plus innings
- Blair earned his first win in relief since the 1996 season as a member of the San Diego Padres on May 2 at Boston (7-6), tossing 2.0 perfect innings
- He went 3-0, with a 3.06 ERA in eight games in June (5 starts, 32.1 IP, 29 H, 11 ER)
- He compiled a three-game win streak from July 20-30, posting a 4.91 ERA (18.1 IP, 10 ER) during that time
- His 3.08 ERA (26.1 IP, 9 ER) in the last month of the season was in sharp contrast to the 7.76 ERA (26.2 IP, 23 ER) he had to close the 1999 season
- In relief Blair posted a mark of 2-3 with a 4.31 ERA in 30 appearances (56.1 IP, 58 H, 27 ER) and he was 8-3 with a 5.20 ERA for the Tigers over his 17 starts (100.1 IP, 127 H, 58 ER)
- His 156.2 innings were the fourth-most on the team and his most since the 1997 season with the Tigers (175.0)

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# Russell Branyan



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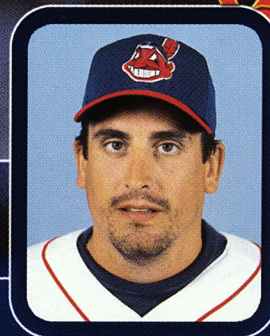
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## 2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Branyan split the season between AAA Buffalo and Cleveland, hitting a combined 37 homers between the two stops
- His 16 homers with Cleveland ranked 3rd among American League rookies
- He became the 5th Indians rookie since 1981 to hit 10 or more homers in a season (last was Richie Sexson in '98)
- His 38 RBI were 8th among AL rookies and 25 extra-base hits were 9th
- Overall he hit 16 homers in 193 at bats for Cleveland, making 54 starts (22 at DH, 1 at 3B, 15 in RF, 16 in LF)
- His 33 appearances in the outfield were the first of his professional career...he compiled a fielding % of .968 (63 TC, 2 E) in the outfield
- Branyan had three 2-homer games in 2000, the first of his career...he hit two homers on May 31 vs. Anaheim, June 12 vs. Chicago (AL) and July 4 vs. Toronto...his two homers on May 31 were in his first game of 2000 in the big leagues
- He hit his first career grand slam on June 17 at Detroit (off Hideo Nomo)
- Branyan had three 4 RBI games in 2000 to set a new career standard
- He hit .245 (56-229) in 64 games over his two stints with 9 2B, 2 3B, 21 HR & 60 RBI in 64 games for the Bisons
- The 21 HR finish tied for the team lead despite spending two months in Cleveland...the 21 homers were tied for 3rd in the organization among Minor Leaguers



# Dave Burba



## 34 PITCHER

### 2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Burba was the club's most consistent starter while posting a career-best 16 wins in 32 starts. He now has 46 wins as an Indian over his three year tenure with the club with a .648 winning % (46-25) in 97 starts since being acquired prior to the 1998 season
- He is one of just six Major League pitchers to win 15 or more games in each of the last three seasons (Wells, Maddux, Martinez, Johnson, Sele)
- Burba topped the double-digit mark in wins for the seventh time in his career, the last six consecutively with 10+ wins since 1995
- His team-best 16 wins finished tied for 6th in the American League...he also finished 7th in the AL with 180 strikeouts and his 8.5 SO/9.0 IP was the 4th best ratio among AL starters...his winning % of .727 was 3rd best in the league and his 91 walks were T6th in the AL
- Burba finished the 2nd half with the best ERA on the club at 3.13 and his 8 wins were second to Finley's nine...overall in the 2nd half he went 8-2 with a 3.13 ERA in 15 starts (89.0 IP, 91 H, 31 ER, 75 SO) to lower his ERA from 5.63 to 4.47
- He fanned a season-high 10 batters in his start on May 8 in Minnesota, the 7th double-digit strikeout game of his career (1st since 9/16/99 vs. NYY)
- He recorded his 1000th career strikeout on June 16 at Detroit in the 5th inning (Dean Palmer)
- On the year, Major League hitters hit .267 (199-745) off him with 19 homers...right-handed hitters hit .274 (108-394) with 11 HR allowed and left-handed hitters hit .259 (91-351) with 8 HR
- His .236 (45-191) average against with RISP was the 6th lowest mark in the league



# Ellis Burks



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### 2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

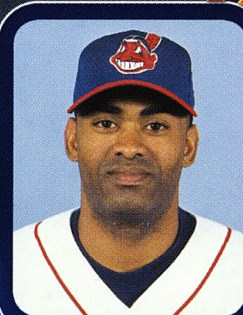
- Burks is a two-time All-Star (1990 & '96) and was a Rawlings Gold Glove recipient in 1990...he also owns two Silver Slugger Awards and has been named to two Post-Season All-Star Teams by *The Sporting News*
- Despite only playing in 122 games in 2000, he hit .344 with 24 HRs and 96 RBI
- The Giants posted a record of 73-37 (.664) in his 110 starts (108 RF, 2 DH) and he was honored with the club's 2000 Willie McCovey Award as the club's most inspirational player (voted on by Giants players and coaches)
- Burks fell 4 RBI shy of becoming the first National League player to drive in 100 runs with less than 400 at bats, a feat he nearly accomplished in 1999 (390 AB, 96 RBI)...his 4.1 RBI ratio (AB per RBI) and .344 batting average would have ranked 3rd & 4th, respectively, in the NL had he not fell 44 plate appearances short of qualifying for the batting title
- He was a consistent contributor the entire season, maintaining a batting average above .300 since April 12 (.280) and above .333 after June 27...he went 41-116 (.353) with 21 runs, 6 2Bs, 3B, 10 HRs and 40 RBI over his final 36 games of season
- Burks went over the 1,000-RBI barrier on September 7 with a 3-run homer (off Padres' Todd Erdos) which gave him 1,002...he scored his 1,000th career run July 1 vs. Los Angeles
- On the year, he hit .348 (48-138) with runners in scoring position and hit .360 (36-100) off left-handed pitching...he also enjoyed sea-level Pacific Bell Park, hitting .362 (67-185) with 15 HR & 52 RBI on the year
- With HRs at Pac Bell and Enron Field in Houston in 2000, Burks has homered in 36 different Major League parks during his career to rank 3rd on all-time list...only STL's Mark McGwire and TB's Fred McGriff have homered in more ballparks in ML history (37 each)...he has not homered in Jacobs Field, The Ballpark in Arlington, Safeco Field, Comerica Park and Tropicana Field
- Burks reached 20-homer plateau for 5th straight year and 7th season of his career (1987, '89, '96-00)
- He had a 12-game hitting streak from August 14 through September 1, going 20-for-45 (.444) with 4 2Bs, 6 HR, 21 RBI and 11 runs scored

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# Jolbert Cabrera



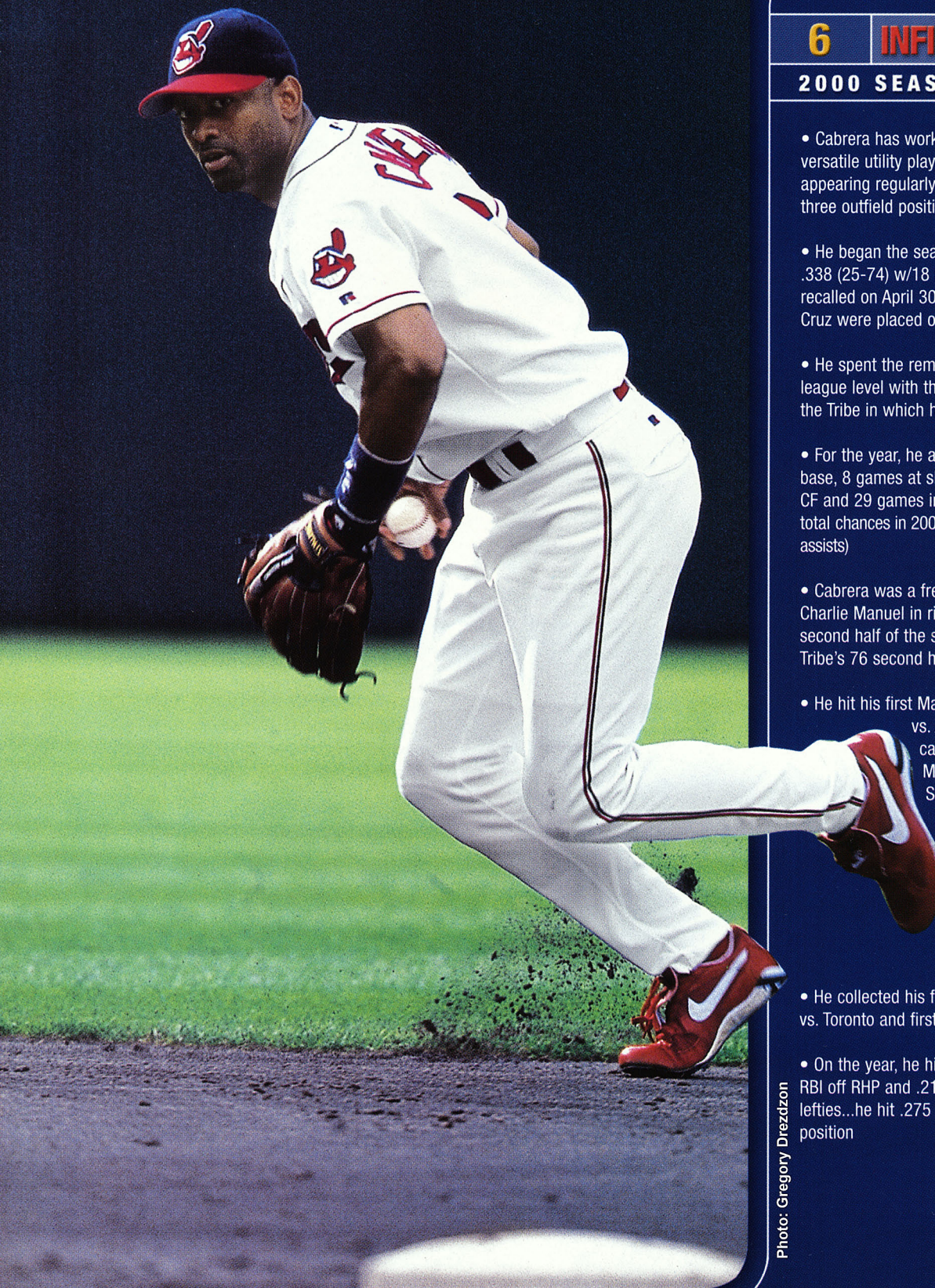
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## 2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

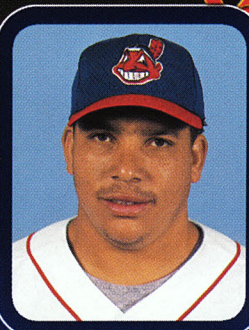
- Cabrera has worked to become one of the most versatile utility players in the American League, appearing regularly at second base, shortstop and all three outfield positions
- He began the season at AAA Buffalo where he hit .338 (25-74) w/18 RS in 20 games before being recalled on April 30 when Kenny Lofton and Jacob Cruz were placed on the DL
- He spent the remainder of the season at the big league level with the Indians and made 35 starts for the Tribe in which he hit .279 (34-122)
- For the year, he appeared in 19 games at second base, 8 games at short, 24 games in LF, 26 games in CF and 29 games in right...he made 1 error in 149 total chances in 2000 for a fielding % of .993 (3 OF assists)
- Cabrera was a frequent defensive replacement for Charlie Manuel in right field and left field during the second half of the season and appeared in 62 of the Tribe's 76 second half games
- He hit his first Major League home run on August 4 vs. Anaheim off Mike Fyhrie...his 2nd career homer came off of Minnesota's Eddie Guardado on September 26
- Cabrera collected a career-high 5 hits on July 29 at Baltimore (day), going 5-5 with a 2B, RS & RBI...he also hit a career-high 6 straight games from July 19-25
- He collected his first Major League triple on May 4 vs. Toronto and first ML RBI on May 5 at Toronto
- On the year, he hit .274 (31-113) with 1 HR and 9 RBI off RHP and .210 (13-62) with 1 HR and 6 RBI off lefties...he hit .275 (14-51) with runners in scoring position

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# Bartolo Colon



## 40 PITCHER

### 2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Colon again posted a stellar second half for the second straight season as he continues to establish himself as one of the premier young pitchers in the American League
- He won his last six decisions to set a new career best and after August 1 he was 6-0 w/a 3.05 ERA in 12 starts that lowered his ERA from 4.49 to 3.88 (79.2 IP, 59 H, 27 ER)...he went 3-0 with a 1.94 ERA in 6 September starts (41.2 IP, 26 H, 9 ER, 17 BB, 48 SO)
- Since the All-Star Break of last season, he owns a record of 26-10 with a 3.42 ERA in 45 starts (292.0 IP, 242 H, 111 ER) and his combined ERA of 3.92 over the last two seasons is the 5th lowest mark in the AL in 1999-2000
- His 15 wins in 2000 were tied for 9th among AL pitchers and his 3.88 ERA was 5th...his .233 average against was the 3rd lowest mark among American League starters and his .205 (33-161) average against with runners in scoring position was tied for 2nd
- Colon finished 2nd in the league with 212 strikeouts and his ratio of 10.1 strikeouts/9.0 IP was 2nd only to Pedro Martinez' 11.8 and one of only four (4) pitchers in the big leagues with a ratio over 10.0 per start
- His .371 slugging % against was the 2nd lowest mark in the league next to Pedro Martinez' .259
- He became the first Indians pitcher since Dennis Eckersley in 1976 (200 K) to eclipse the 200 strike-out barrier
- Enjoyed six 10+ strikeouts games in 2000 and now owns nine (9) for his career in double-digits (had 3 entering season)
- Colon set a club record by striking out the first six (6) Blue Jays to bat on July 26 (also equaled Feller's 1938 club record for consecutive strikeouts within one game)
- He made his first career Opening Day start on Monday, April 3 at Baltimore against the Orioles...it marked the first Opening Day win by a Tribe starter since Dennis Martinez in 1995 over Texas

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# Wil Cordero



**30** | **INFIELDER/OUTFIELDER**

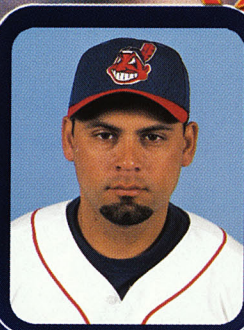
## 2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Cordero split the year between Pittsburgh and Cleveland before missing the final three weeks of the season with a broken right hand
- He was acquired from the Pirates prior to the trading deadline and hit .264 (39-148) with Cleveland with 11 2B, 2 3B and 17 RBI in 38 games
- Over his last 28 games with Cleveland, he hit .288 (32-111) with 12 RS & 14 RBI
- Cordero hit in a career-high, 15 straight games from April 29 through May 23 and hit in 20 of 21 from April 29 through May 29
- He enjoyed his 3rd career 2-HR game on July 5 at Chicago-NL and set a new career-high with 6 RBI
- He collected his 2nd career 5-hit game on 5/10 vs. the New York Mets (1HR, 4 RBI)
- Between Pittsburgh and Cleveland Cordero hit a combined .276 (137-496) with 16 HR & 68 RBI in 127 games
- He hit .323 (41-127) off LHP with 5 HR & .260 (96-369) off RHP with 11 homers...he also hit .310 (44-142) with runners in scoring position
- Cordero hit .362 (21-58) on the first pitch, .333 (48-144) during the day and .285 (70-246) with runners on base combined over the two stops

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# Jacob Cruz



## 51 OUTFIELDER

### 2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- For the second straight season Cruz' campaign was cut short due to a season-ending injury...he suffered a torn anterior cruciate ligament and the lateral meniscus in his left knee while making a catch in the 8th inning of the Tribe's game with the Boston Red Sox on April 29 in his 11th game of the season
- He was placed on the 60-day disabled list on April 30 and underwent season-ending, reconstructive knee surgery on May 11 in Cleveland
- Cruz rehabbed the injury in Cleveland and Arizona for the remainder of the season and spent several weeks of the off-season taking batting practice in the indoor cages of Jacobs Field
- Prior to the injury Cruz made 7 starts, one in left field, one at DH, and five (5) in center field
- In his 7 starts, he hit .182 (4-22) with a 2B, & 4 RBI
- Overall, he appeared in 1 game in left field and 8 games in center prior to April 29
- He was 1 for 1 as a pinch-hitter with a double
- He stole the first base of his Major League career on April 28 vs. Boston
- In his career vs. LHP he owns an average of .438 (14-32) with 2 HR & 12 RBI

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# Sean DePaula



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## 2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- DePaula's season was marred by a right elbow injury after a promising end to the 1999 campaign, which included 3 impressive appearances in the 1999 Division Series vs. Boston
- He began the year at AAA Buffalo after his option on the last day of Spring Training on April 2
- He appeared in three games for the Bisons before being recalled on April 17 when Bartolo Colon went on the 15-day DL
- DePaula allowed 5 runs (5 ER) over his first outing vs. Oakland (2.0 IP) on April 19 and posted a 3.68 ERA (14.2 IP, 6 ER) over his next 12 appearances before going on the DL with an ailing right elbow
- He was on the 15-day disabled list for the first time in his career from May 28 to July 9 with tendonitis in his right pitching elbow...the elbow had bothered him over the first six weeks of the season and during Spring Training
- At the big league level, batters hit .294 (20-68) off him with 3 homers allowed
- Left-handed hitters hit .464 (13-28) with 2 HR and right-handed hitters hit just .175 (7-40) with 1 HR
- DePaula was named the 5th best prospect in the Indians organization by *Baseball America*

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# Einar Diaz



## 2 CATCHER

### 2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Diaz performed admirably in another season as Sandy Alomar's back-up in 2000, making 69 starts at catcher for the Indians who were 37-32 (.536) in his starts
- He tossed out 17 of the 51 (33.3%) runners attempting to steal off him this year, including 8 of his last 13 (61.5%) on the year...the 33.3% would have ranked 2nd among AL catchers had he played in enough games
- In his Major League career, he has thrown out 61 of 178 (34.3%)
- Altogether he appeared in 74 games at catcher for the Indians in 2000 and compiled a fielding % of .994 (631 TC, 4 E)...the .994 fielding % would have ranked T1st among AL catchers had he played in enough games
- Diaz made just 1 error in 31 second half games
- He collected a career-high 5 hits on May 5 at Toronto, going 5-5 with 3 2B, 2 RS and 2 RBI
- Over his last 31 games on the year, he hit .223 (29-130) with 10 RBI and he hit 1 homer after May 28 on August 6 vs. Anaheim
- Diaz caught 20 of Bartolo Colon's 30 starts... Colon's ERA with Diaz catching was 3.34 (132.0 IP, 102 H, 49 ER)
- He made his first Major League appearance at third base on August 24 vs. Oakland in the 7th inning of an 11-7 Oakland win but did not record a chance
- Overall in 2000, Indians pitchers recorded an ERA of 4.34 (624.2 IP, 589 H, 301 ER) while Diaz was behind the plate

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# Chuck Finley



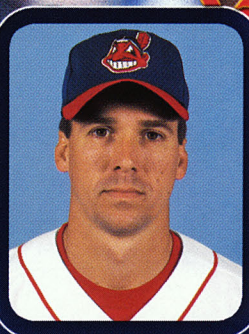
## 31 PITCHER

### 2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- The 2000 AL All-Star led the club in starts (34), innings pitched (218.0) and strikeouts (189) while tying for the team lead with 16 wins...he reached double digits in wins for the 11th time in his career and for the eighth consecutive season and his 16 wins are his highest total since the 1993 season (7th career 15+ win season)
- Finley's 9 wins in the 2nd half led all Indians pitchers...he is now 6th among active pitchers in wins (181) and 4th with 2893.0 innings pitched...his 2340 career strikeouts are 5th among active pitchers and are 34th on the all-time list
- He was named to his 5th American League All-Star Team by AL Manager Joe Torre (did not pitch)...he was the first Cleveland LHP to make the All-Star team since Greg Swindell in 1989
- Finley finished the season ranked 4th among American League pitchers in strikeouts (189), 6th in innings pitched (218.0), tied for 7th in complete games (3), tied for 6th in wins (16), 9th with a .256 average against and tied for 3rd with 34 starts
- His April exploits (3-0, 2.55 ERA, 5 GS) earned him runner-up honors to Pedro Martinez for April American League Pitcher of the Month...he won three-straight starts from April 16-29 compiling an ERA of 0.73 (24.2 IP, 12 H, 2 ER, 30 SO) to lower his ERA from 6.75 to 2.55
- Finley was tremendous in September, going 6-1 with a 3.38 ERA in 7 starts (45.1 IP, 41 H, 17 ER, 33 SO)...he led the AL in wins in September with 6 and was 3rd in innings pitched
- He fanned 10+ batters in three straight starts (April 10, April 16 and 24) for the first time in his career after tossing the 30th double-digit SO game at Seattle on April 24 (8.0 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 7 BB, 10 SO)...he was the first Tribe hurler to accomplish the feat since Sam McDowell in April of 1970
- Finley fanned a Major League record four (4) Rangers in the 3rd inning, marking the third time in his career (only pitcher ever to fan four in an inning more than once, did it twice in 1999 with Anaheim) was the 36th time in Major League history a pitcher struck out four batters in an inning and the first Indians pitcher since Paul Shuey struck out four Detroit Tigers on May 14, 1994



# Travis Fryman



## 17 INFIELDER

### 2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Fryman rebounded from an injury-plagued 1999 to arguably post the finest offensive season of his career while providing Gold Glove caliber defense along the way
- He collected a career-best 106 RBI while hitting a career-high .321 on a career-best 184 hits and won his first Rawlings Gold Glove Award after the season
- His 2000 efforts earned him the Tribe's 2000 Man of the Year Award as voted on by the Cleveland chapter of the BBWAA
- He hit his 200th career home run on June 12 vs. Chicago (off Eldred) and collected a season-high 4 hits and 4 RBI on April 10 at Oakland
- Fryman hit .321 in both the first and second halves, but hit .387 (36-93) with runners in scoring position after the All-Star Break
- He had a career high 60-game errorless streak from April 18 to July 4...on the year he compiled a Major League best fielding % of .978 among third basemen (363 TC, 8 E)
- Fryman made his first career start (replaced Ripken) in his 5th career All-Star Game (1-2, with RS) after being named a reserve by AL Manager Joe Torre
- His .422 on-base % against left-handed pitchers was the 8th highest mark in the American League
- Fryman hit .345 (29-84) with RISP and 2 outs

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# Juan Gonzalez



## 22 | OUTFIELDER

### 2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Gonzalez had a down offensive season in his first year in Detroit after driving in 128 or more runs over four straight seasons from 1996-99, a span which included a pair of American League Most Valuable Player Awards in 1996 and 1998
- He is a career .344 (45-131) hitter at Jacobs Field with 9 2B, 12 HR and 36 RBI in 30 games (.702 slugging %)
- His 12 home runs at Jacobs Field are the most by a visiting player in the history of the Ballpark and his 36 RBI are second only to Frank Thomas' 41
- His 1123 RBI over the last 10 seasons rank 4th among Major League players behind Albert Belle, Thomas and Ken Griffey
- Gonzalez hit safely in 11-of-13 games from May 12-27, batting .377 in that stretch with five home runs, eight doubles, 11 RBI and 11 runs scored
- He collected his 350th career home run on June 13 off of Toronto's Clayton Andrews, an estimated 447-foot shot to left-center
- He posted back-to-back three-hit games, July 29-30, against his former team (Texas) and recorded his 1,500th Major League hit with a single off of Doug Davis on July 29
- Gonzalez amassed a 13-game hitting streak from August 8-21 during which he hit a blistering .444 (24x54) with seven multi-hit games
- He legged out his first career inside-the-park home run on September 2 vs. Texas, the Tigers' first since Bobby Higginson accomplished the feat on July 6, 1997

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# Steve Karsay



## 20 PITCHER

### 2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

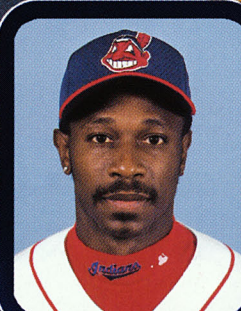
- Karsay spent the first four months of the season as the Indians closer before the late July acquisition of Bob Wickman relegated him to a late-inning set-up role
- He was 19-24 (79.2%) in save situations until the July 28 trade for Wickman and 1 for 5 in 5 pre-ninth inning save opportunities after the trade (20 for 29/70.0% on the year)
- Karsay led the team with 72 appearances, tied for the 7th highest mark among American League relievers and equaled the franchise record by a right-handed pitcher along with Steve Olin, Mike Jackson and Paul Shuey
- He saved a career-best 7 straight chances from May 16 to June 10
- Over his last 10 appearances of the season, he was 1-1 with a save and a 1.42 ERA (12.2 IP, 5 H, 2 ER, 1 BB, 8 SO)
- Karsay collected his 20th and final save of the season in a season-high 3.0 inning stint vs. Toronto on September 29
- He allowed only 5 homers all season in 76.2 innings of work and just 1 over his last 41 games (43.0 innings)
- Karsay walked only 1 batter in 16.0 September innings

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# Kenny Lofton

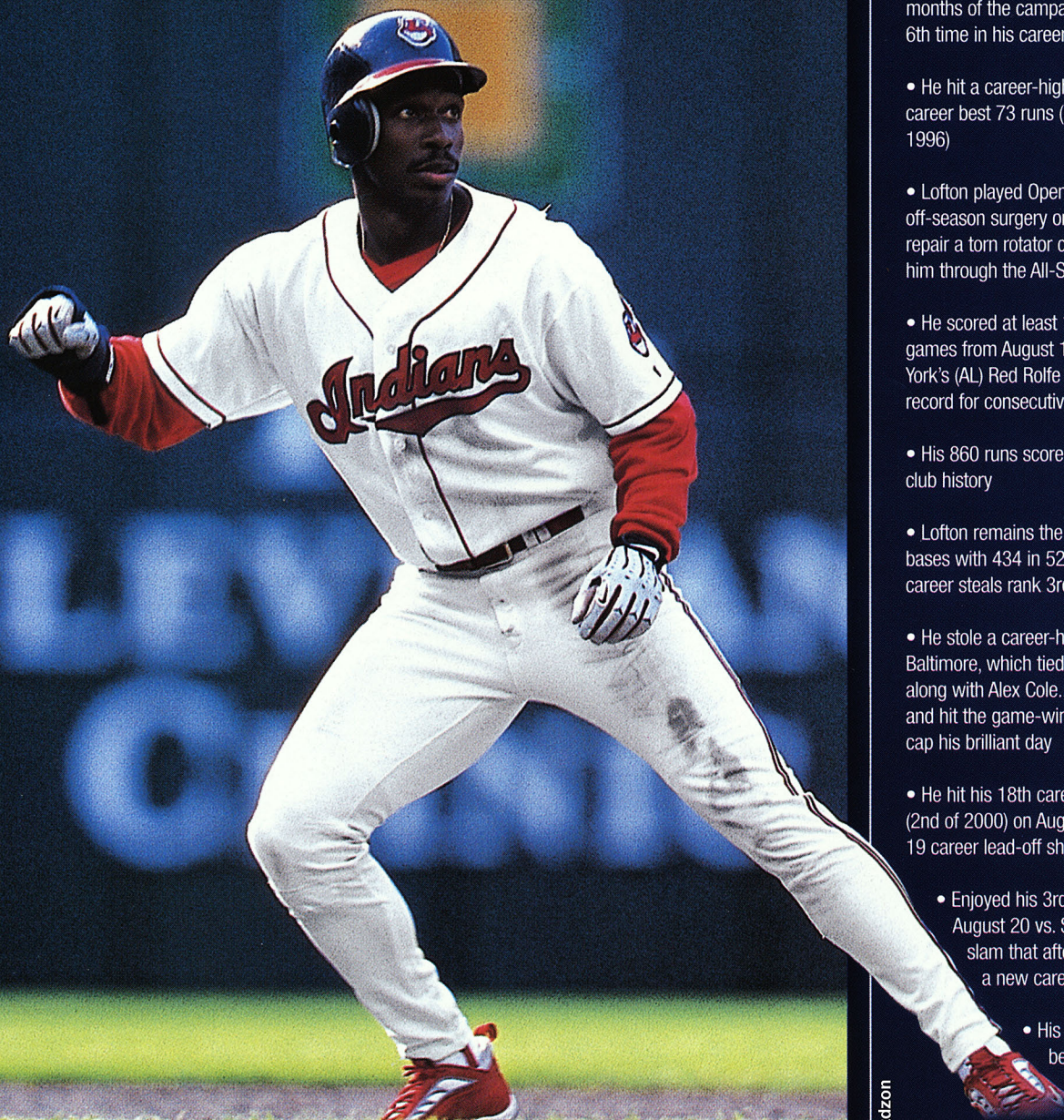


## 7 OUTFIELDER

### 2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Lofton turned his season around over the last two months of the campaign to top the 100 RS mark for the 6th time in his career and for the third straight season
- He hit a career-high 15 homers and drove in a new career best 73 runs (previous was 14 HR and 67 RBI in 1996)
- Lofton played Opening Day in Baltimore after having off-season surgery on his left throwing shoulder to repair a torn rotator cuff that originally was to sideline him through the All-Star Break
- He scored at least 1 run in a career-high 18 straight games from August 15 to September 3, equaling New York's (AL) Red Rolfe 1939 modern day Major League record for consecutive games with a run scored
- His 860 runs scored as an Indian are the 5th most in club history
- Lofton remains the club's franchise leader in stolen bases with 434 in 527 attempts (82.4%)...his 463 career steals rank 3rd among active players
- He stole a career-high 5 bases on September 3rd vs. Baltimore, which tied the single-game club record held along with Alex Cole...Lofton also collected 4 hits (4 RS) and hit the game-winning homer in the 13th inning to cap his brilliant day
- He hit his 18th career regular season lead-off homer (2nd of 2000) on August 22 vs. Seattle and now owns 19 career lead-off shots including the post season
- Enjoyed his 3rd career two-homer game on August 20 vs. Seattle and hit his 2nd career grand slam that afternoon off Aaron Sele while setting a new career-high with 6 RBI
- His .989 (356 TC, 4 E) was the 5th best mark among AL centerfielders as he registered 4 outfield assists
- He swung and missed only 96 times in 2000 (1008 swings)...his 9.5% of swings missed was the 3rd best mark in the American League
- His .306 career batting average is currently 12th among active players with at least 3000 career plate appearances

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# Charles Nagy



## 41 PITCHER

### 2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- For the first time since the 1993 season, injuries plagued Nagy's season, limiting him to just 11 starts and 57.0 innings on the year
- He pitched 8.0 innings in his 2nd start at Oakland on April 11, picking up his first win of 2000...the win was his 122nd as an Indian, tying him for 10th place on the club's all-time career win list
- He is now in 5th place in Indians history with 1184 strikeouts after passing Indians legend Mel Harder (1161 SO) on April 25 at Seattle
- Nagy was forced on to the disabled list on May 18 (retroactive to 5/17) with bone chips in his right elbow...he had arthroscopic surgery on the elbow in Cleveland on May 19...it marked his second career trip to the DL at the big league level and his first since 1993
- He began a 30-day rehabilitation assignment on June 19 and made three Minor League starts for AAA Buffalo and AA Akron before pain resumed in the elbow region and he was pulled off the rehab on July 13 and transferred to the 60-day disabled list on July 28
- Nagy was activated off the 60-day disabled list on September 14 and made his first start since May 16 that night vs. Boston (4.2 IP, 5 H, 3 R/ER)
- He made three starts before being shut down for the season after his start at Kansas City on September 24 with more pain in the elbow



# Steve Reed



## 39 PITCHER

### 2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Reed spent his second full season in the Indians bullpen and proved to be a valuable set-up man late in the season
- Over his last 14 appearances, he went 0-0 with an 2.57 ERA (14.0 IP, 13 H, 4 ER, 11 SO) from August 22 through the end of the season that lowered his ERA from 4.93 to 4.34
- Reed did not allow a run over his last 8 appearances of the season, covering 8.2 innings (8.2 IP, 7 H, 0 R, 4 SO)
- He posted a stellar second half, going 1-0 with a 2.60 ERA in 26 outings (27.2 IP, 21 H, 8 ER, .219 average against) after posting an ERA of 6.04 (.308 average) in the 1st half
- Batters were 1 for 9 (.111) off him with the bases loaded
- He suffered only blown save on April 5 at Baltimore in his 2000 debut (0.2 IP, 3 H, 3 R/ER, 3-run HR to C.Johnson)
- 37 of his 57 games were scoreless
- At one point during the season in late July he retired 18 straight hitters
- His inherited runner % of 16.7 (6 of 36) was the 4th lowest mark among AL relievers
- Batters hit .200 (7-35) off him with RISP and 2 outs and .235 (24-102) off him with the bases empty

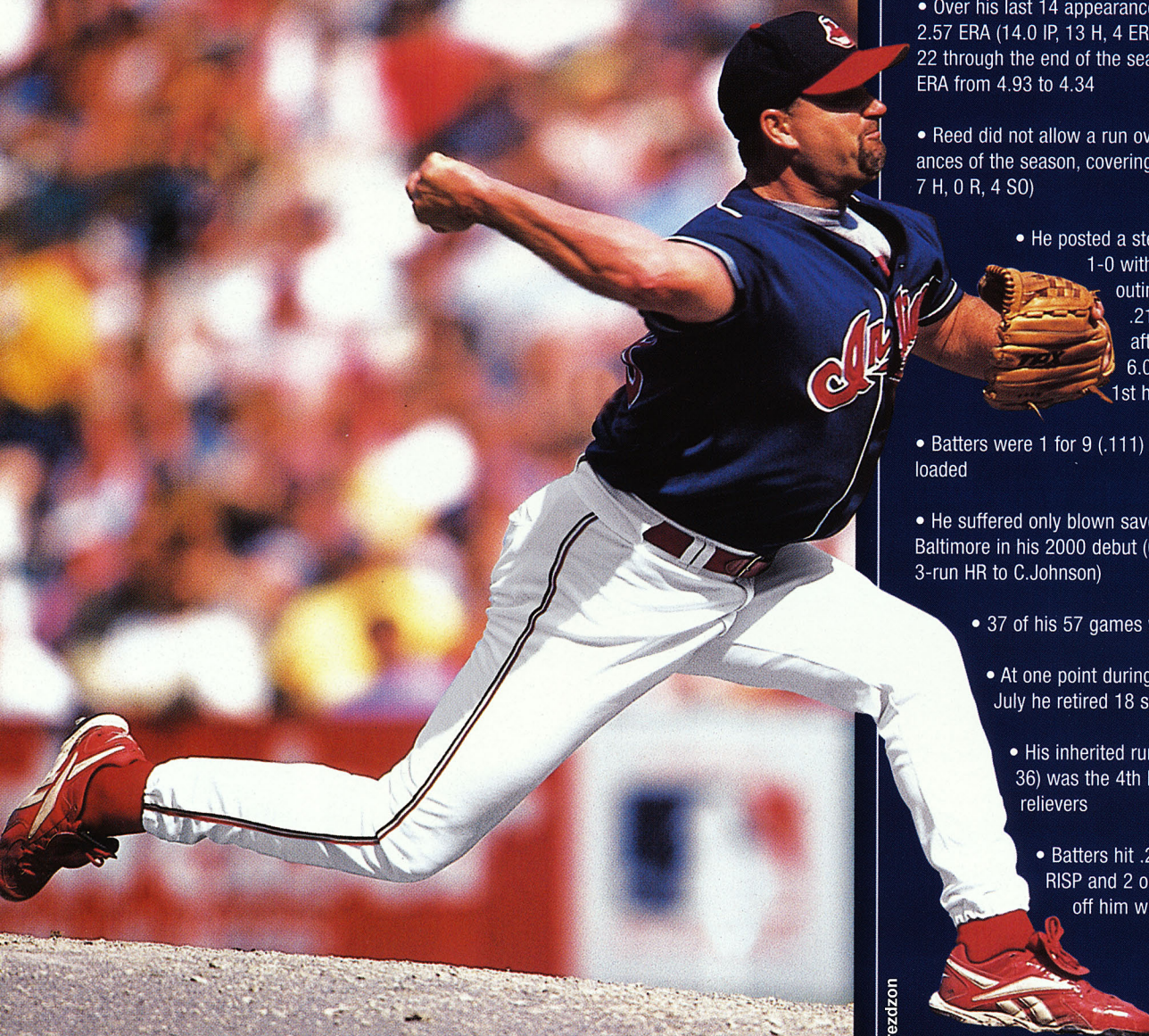


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# Ricardo Rincon



## 73 PITCHER

### 2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Rincon put together an impressive statistical season despite missing three months after undergoing left elbow surgery in early June
- He was placed on the 60-day disabled list on May 17 with bone spurs in his left elbow
- Rincon had arthroscopic surgery on the elbow after experiencing discomfort in the region over the first six weeks of the season on June 8 in Birmingham, AL to repair spurs and remove some debris from the region
- After returning he went 0-0 with a 4.22 ERA in 19 appearances (10.2 IP, 9 H, 5 ER, 9 BB, 10 SO) to finish out the season
- Rincon allowed only 1 of his 25 (4%) runners to score after leading the Major Leagues in that category (11.9%) in 1999
- Over his two seasons with Cleveland only 6 of his 67 inherited runners (9%) scored
- Twenty-nine of Rincon's 35 outings were scoreless and 26 of 35 were less than 1.0 inning...he worked more than 1.0 inning (1.1 IP on September 27) only once in 2000
- Over his 4-year Major League career, left-handed hitters own a batting average of .201 (58-289) with 5 homers and they hit just .216 (11-51) off him in 2000 with 0 homers
- He allowed hitters to just a .167 (4-24) average with runners in scoring position on the year, the 4th lowest mark among American League relievers

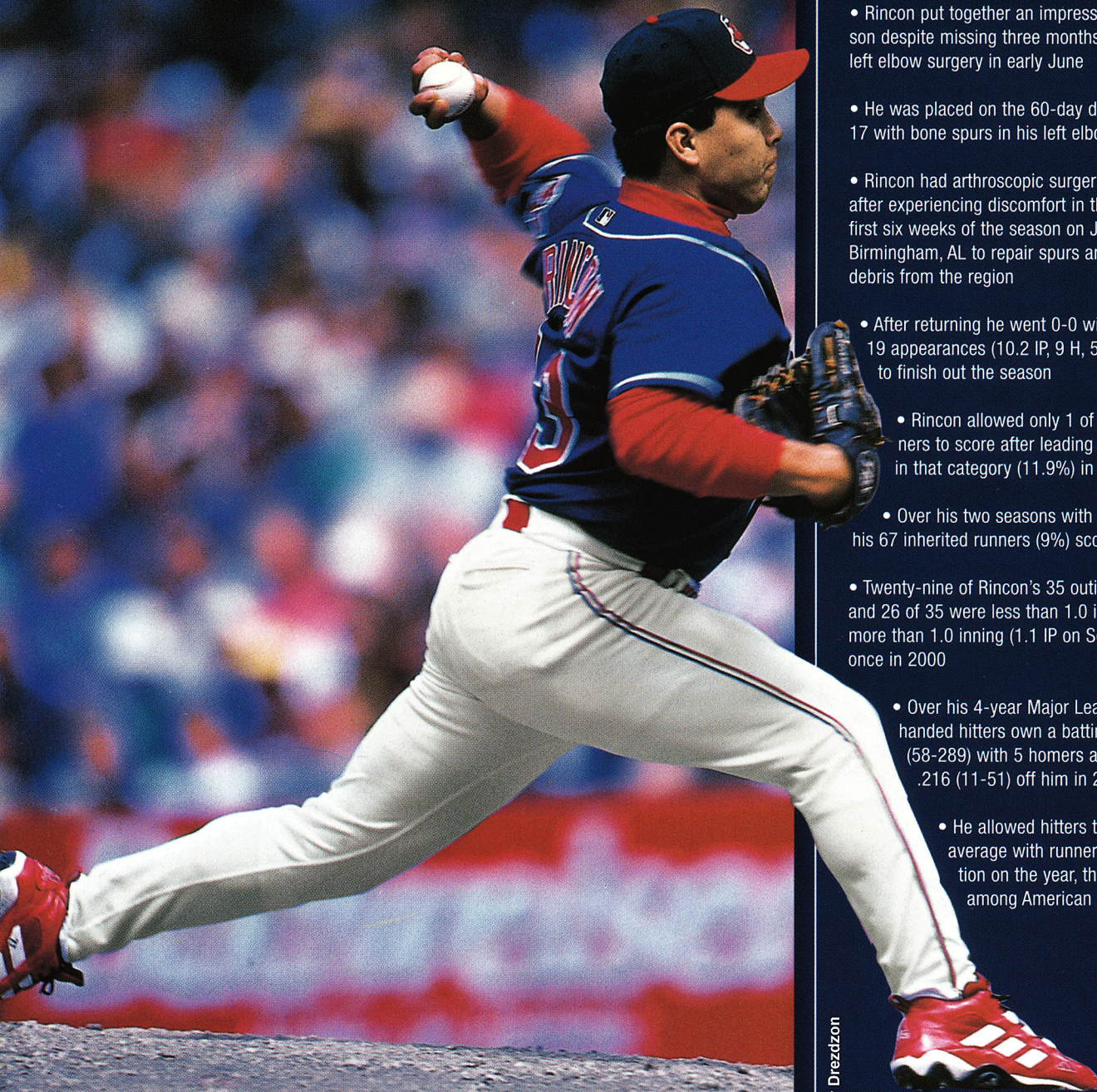


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# Paul Shuey



## 53 PITCHER

### 2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Shuey spent his fourth full season in the big leagues and proved to again be a valuable set-up man in Charlie Manuel's bullpen despite spending 5 weeks on the disabled list after having hip surgery
- He led the league with 28 holds and his .219 (51-233) average against was the 7th lowest mark among AL relievers
- His first batter average of .203 (10-49) was the 7th lowest mark among league relievers
- After being activated off the disabled list he was 1-1 with a 3.61 ERA in 40 games (42.1 IP, 32 H, 17 ER) through the end of the season
- Over his first 17 appearances, prior to the injury he was 3-1 with a 2.95 ERA in 17 outings (21.1 IP, 19 H, 7 ER, 22 SO)
- Shuey was 0 for 5 in save opportunities and 42 of his 57 outings were scoreless (43 of 57 without an earned run)
- Hitters hit .233 (17-73) with runners in scoring position and .179 (7-39) with RISP and 2 outs
- With no one on base, batters hit just .207 (25-121)
- Shuey's career batting average against is .238 (279-1173) and is averaging 9.8 SO/9.0 IP in his career

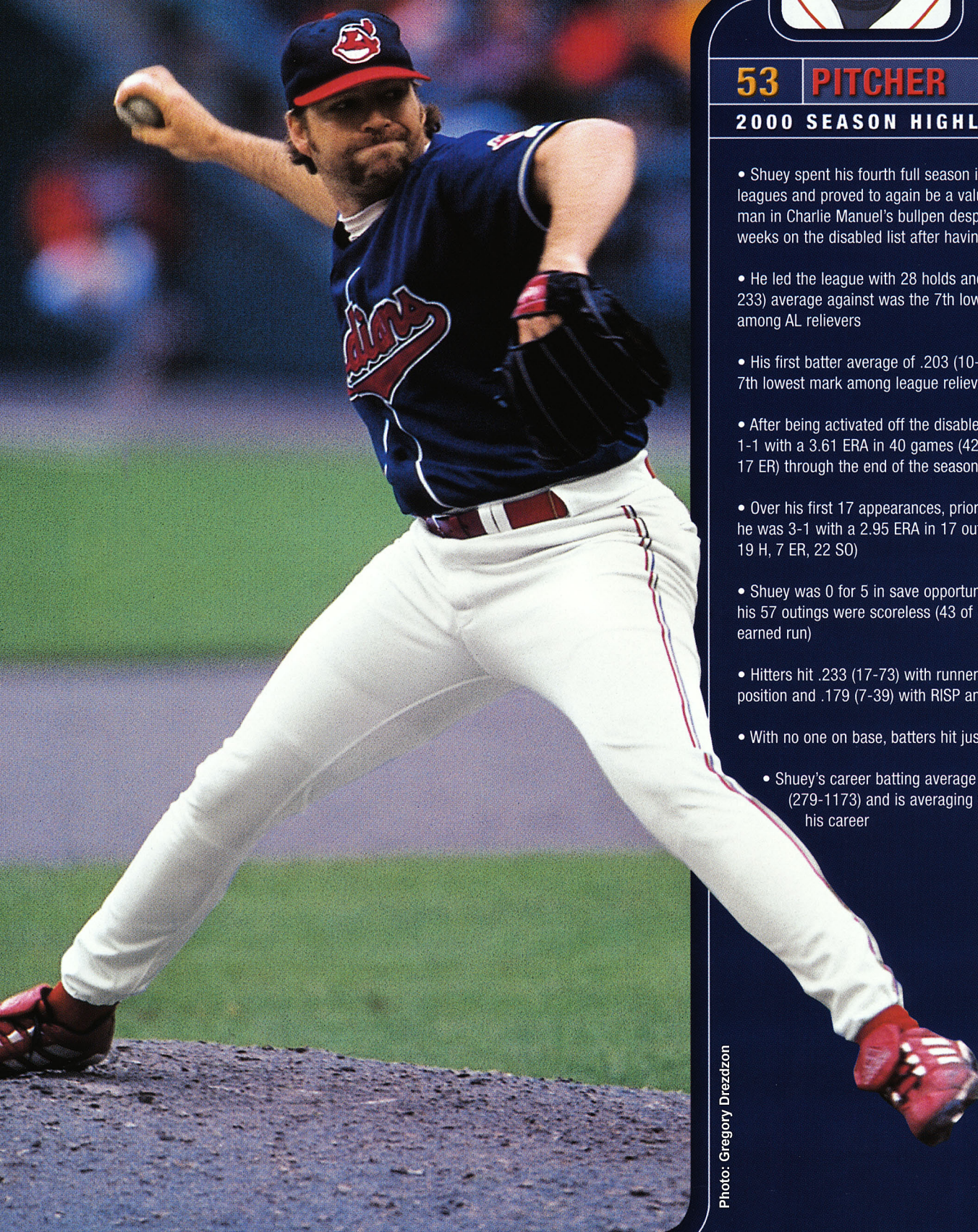


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# Justin Speier



**46** | **PITCHER**

## 2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Speier spent the last four months in the Indians bullpen and was a solid middle man for the Indians during the 2000 campaign after being called up from AAA Buffalo on May 25
- He collected his first Major League win and struck out a career-best 7 batters over a 3.2 inning performance on June 18 at Detroit
- Speier fanned 9.1 batters/9.0 IP this year as he limited hitters to a .246 (15-61) average against with runners in scoring position, including a mark of .152 (5-33) with RISP and 2 outs
- His 68.1 relief innings pitched were second on the club in 2000 to Karsay's 76.2 IP
- He went 3-0 with a 3.45 ERA in August (15.2 IP, 14 H, 6 ER) as he posted an ERA of 4.76 (22.2 IP, 27 H, 12 ER) over his last 18 appearances
- His ERA in the first half was 2.00 (4.14 ERA in the second half)
- Over his last 6 outings on the season he allowed only 1 ER in 8.2 innings (1.04 ERA, 6 hits)

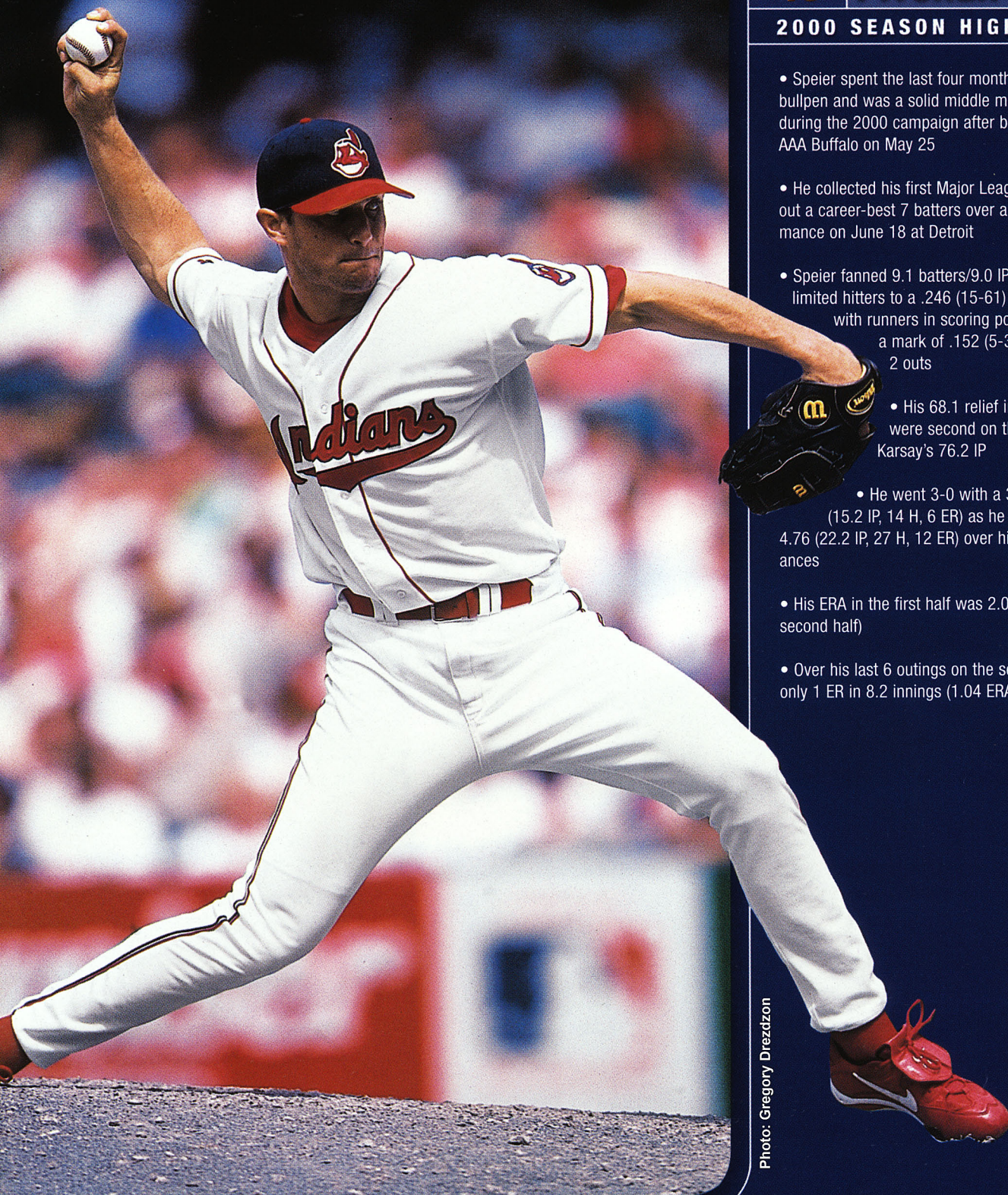


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# Eddie Taubensee



## 16 CATCHER

### 2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Taubensee returns to Cleveland in 2001 after a nine-year hiatus
- He did not play after July 31 because of a ruptured disk in his back
- On August 3, he went on the disabled list for the first time in his career
- On September 3 he was transferred to the 60-day DL and 5 days later had surgery to remove a disk that was pushing on his spinal cord
- Taubensee ended the season with a 4-game hitting streak (.733, 11-15, 3 2B, 2 HR, 4 RBI)
- He hit 2 of the club's most dramatic homers of the season in the 11-inning, 4-3 victory at Montreal on July 29...on consecutive pitches he hit a 2-out solo HR off Javier Vazquez in the ninth inning to tie the game at 3-3 and in the 10th hit a 1-out solo HR off Julio Santana to win it
- Taubensee hit .342 (13-38) off LHP with a HR and 4 RBI and .254 (58-228) off RHP with 5 HR and 20 RBI
- He hit .206 (13-63) with RISP and .283 (15-53) in the second half
- He equaled his career bests by collecting four hits in a game on three occasions (April 5 vs. Milwaukee, May 16 vs. Pittsburgh, July 28 at Montreal)



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# Jim Thome



**25** | **INFIELDER**

## 2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Thome enjoyed his typical productive offensive season in 2000, surpassing the 100 walk, 100 runs and 100 RBI mark for the fourth time in the last five seasons since 1996
- He tied the club record (Larry Doby, 1949-55) with his 7th consecutive 20+HR season since 1994 and tied Albert Belle with five consecutive seasons of 30-plus homer season
- He is now in 3rd place in club history with 233 homers ahead of Earl Averill's 226 homers, the most in franchise history by a left-handed hitter
- His 764 career walks ranks 3rd in club history... his 118 walks in 2000 finished 3rd in the American League and he now owns the top 4 single-season walk totals in club history
- Thome collected his 1,000th career hit on August 23 vs. Oakland off of Tim Hudson
- He hit his 200th career homer on April 15 vs. Texas and Mark Clark
- 26 of his 37 homers were solo shots
- Thome enjoyed four two-homer games on June 21 at Chicago-AL, June 27 at Kansas City, July 17 vs. Houston and the last on July 19 vs. Kansas City
- His 4.19 pitches seen/plate appearance (2869 P/ 684 PA) ranked 3rd among AL hitters and he was the 10th hardest batter to double up in 2000 (1 GIDP per 69.6 AB)

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# Omar Vizquel



## 13 INFIELDER

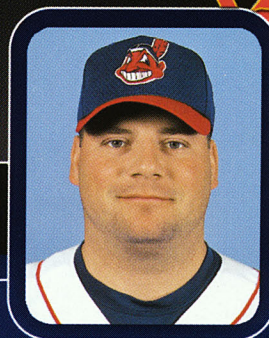
### 2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Vizquel recorded one of the finest defensive seasons in the history of baseball while posting another solid offensive season, surpassing the 100 runs scored mark for the second straight year
- His 66 RBI equaled his career best total set last year and he hit over .285 for the 4th time in the last 5 years
- He tied the American League record for the most consecutive errorless games by a shortstop with 95 straight from September 26, 1999 to July 21, 2000... this tied Cal Ripken's AL record of 95 set in 1990 (April 14 to July 27, 429 chances)
- Omar's season fielding % of .995 (648 TC, 3 E) was the 2nd highest single-season total behind Ripken's 1990 mark of .996 (1998 mark of .993 is the 3rd best mark of all-time) and again led all Major League shortstops in 2000 (3rd time in career)
- His three errors in 2000 tied Ripken's 1990 record for fewest errors by a shortstop in a single-season of at least 150 games played
- Has only 3 errors in his last 162 games at shortstop dating back to the end of the 1999 season... ended the season with a 20-game errorless streak
- His .982496 career fielding % (7314 TC, 128 E, 1610 G) is still the highest total in MLB history among shortstops with 1000 games played and has won 8 straight AL Rawlings Gold Glove Awards from 1993 to 2000
- Vizquel passed Elmer Flick for 5th on the club's all-time stolen base list w/213 SB (now owns 221 SB with Cleveland)
- He hit in 75 of his last 97 games, going .314 (117-373) with 15 2B, 5 HR and 40 RBI (71 RS) from June 17 through the end of the season
- He hit his 4th career grand slam off Juan Guzman on April 7 at Tampa Bay (season-high 4 RBI)





# Bob Wickman



**26** **PITCHER**

## 2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Wickman stabilized the back end of the Tribe's bullpen after being acquired from Milwaukee on July 28
- He was 14 for 17 (82.4%) over his save chances with Cleveland after saving 16 of 20 (80%) with Milwaukee, including 7 straight with Cleveland from August 23-September 20
- Combined between the two stops on the year, he was 3-5 with a 3.10 ERA in 69 games (72.2 IP, 64 H, 25 ER, 32 BB, 55 SO) with 30 saves in 37 chances (81.1%)
- Wickman saved 9 of his last 10 chances with Cleveland (90.0%)
- Over the last three seasons since 1998, he owns a record of 12-22 with a 3.41 ERA in 212 games with 92 saves in 114 chances (81%) for the Brew Crew (229.1 IP, 218 H, 87 ER) and Indians
- He was a 2000 National League All-Star, his first career appearance in the Midsummer Classic and tossed a scoreless 8th inning (fanned T. Batista)
- The only homer he allowed on the year came in Philadelphia on June 29 (0.2 IP, 4 H, 3 R/ER) on a solo home run by Brian Hunter
- Wickman did not allow a homer over his last 37 outings (37.2 IP) and did not yield a homer to a left-handed hitter all year
- He retired his first batter faced 48 of 69 times (70%) and allowed only 3 of his 10 inherited runners to score
- He saved both ends of a day/night doubleheader for the first time in his career on September 20 at Boston
- Wickman recorded his 100th career save on September 5 vs. Tampa Bay

Photo: Gregory Drezdron





# Steve Woodard



**29** | **PITCHER**

## 2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- The 25-year-old righthander came from the Brewers in late July to solidify the rotation and posted a record of 3-3 with the Tribe and defeated Pedro Martinez and David Wells over the seasons final 12 days
- He was the only pitcher in baseball to defeat both the 2000 AL Cy Young winner and AL Cy Young runner-up
- Woodard began the year as the Opening Day starter for the Brewers, his first career Opening Day start
- He matched a career-high with 11.2 consecutive scoreless frames
- His second win with Cleveland came at Boston against Pedro Martinez on Sept. 20 (D) in the Tribe's 2-1 win (6.0 IP, 3 H, 0 R) in the Tribe's first career win over the '99 and '00 Cy Young winner
- He also defeated David Wells and Toronto on the season's final day on October 1 (5.2 IP, 4 H, 3 R/ER) to even his record at 3-3 with the Tribe
- Over his last 3 starts with Cleveland, he was 2-0 with a 2.12 ERA (17.0 IP, 11 H, 4 ER, 1 BB, 11 SO) and yielded a .180 (11-61) average against
- The Indians were 7-4 (.636) in his 11 starts and averaged 6.7 runs/game for him (74 RS/11 GS)





# Jaret Wright



**27** | **PITCHER**

## 2000 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- Wright was again riddled with right shoulder problems in 2000, forcing him onto the disabled list two more times and ended his season after just 9 starts with shoulder surgery in August
- He won the first two starts of the season for the second consecutive year
- He tossed the second complete game and shutout of his Major League career in his second start of the season on April 12 in Oakland in the 5-0 Tribe win
- Wright took a no-hitter into the 7th inning in his 4th start at Seattle on April 26, getting a no-decision in the Tribe's 5-3 10.0 inning win (7.0 IP, 2 H, 2 R/ER), before allowing a single to Stan Javier to lead-off the 7th inning
- He left his 7th start of the year after 7.2 shutout innings and 100 pitches vs. Kansas City on May 11 with tightness in his right shoulder
- He went on the 15-day disabled list on May 18 (retroactive to May 12 with a strained muscle in his right shoulder)
- His last start of the season came at St. Louis on June 2 (4.2 IP, 4 H, 4 R/ER, 4 BB, 5 SO) and was placed on the disabled list on June 7 (retro. to June 3) with inflammation in his pitching shoulder and fraying in the labrum...at the time of the injury his .235 average against was the 7th best mark in the AL
- Wright had surgery on August 17 to repair the labrum and some fraying in the rotator cuff
- He held batters to a .225 (18-80) average with runners on base, including an 0 for 15 mark with runners in scoring position and 2 outs
- He went into the 6th inning in 5 of his 9 starts (56%) as the Tribe averaged 6.4 runs/start for Jaret (58 RS/9 GS)





## Danys Baez

PITCHER

55

Baez spent his first year in professional baseball between A Kinston and AA Akron, compiling a combined record of 6-11 with a 4.02 ERA in 27 starts (152.1 IP, 143 H, 68 ER, 52 BB, 133 SO)...His 133 strikeouts were the third highest total among Indians Minor League pitchers and his 4.02 ERA was 10th in the system...He was promoted to AA Akron on May 23 after going 2-1

with a 3.53 ERA over his last 6 starts

with Kinston (35.2 IP, 29 H, 14 ER)...He allowed only 1 hit over 7.0 shutout innings on May 13 at Wilmington while striking out 9 in the process...Baez made 18 starts for the Aeros and pitched 5.0 or more innings in 16 of the 18 outings...He pitched 1.0 scoreless inning for the World Team in the All-Star Future's Game on July 9 in Atlanta...From July 20 to August 5 he was 2-0 with a 0.36 ERA in 4 starts (25.1 IP, 21 H, 1 ER, 27 SO) and was named Eastern League Pitcher of the Week from August 1-6...After the season Baez participated in the Tribe's Fall Instructional League in Winter Haven, FL and started 6 games for the Phoenix Desert Dogs in the Arizona Fall League in October and November, going 1-2 with a 4.01 ERA (24.2 P, 21 H, 11 ER, 8 BB, 22 SO, .221 avg.)...He was named the 2nd best prospect in the Indians organization by *Baseball America*



## C.C. Sabathia

PITCHER

52

Sabathia, the Tribe's top pitching prospect split the 2000 season between A Kinston and AA Akron and posted a combined ERA of 3.57 (146.1 IP, 58 ER) in 27 starts over the two stops while striking out a Tribe Minor League best 159 batters...He started the Hall of Fame Game for Cleveland against the Arizona Diamondbacks on July 24 in Cooperstown, NY and pitched in the Futures Game in Atlanta, GA for

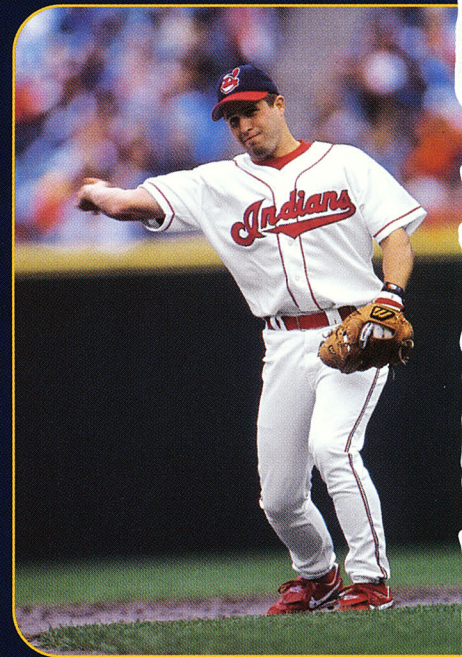
Team USA on July 10...On the year between his two Minor League stops, he limited hitters to a .227 (123-541) with 10 homers allowed...Right-handed hitters hit .240 (105-437) with 9 homers and lefties hit .173 (18-104) with 1 homer...Batters hit .236 (39-165) with runners in scoring position on the year...His 3.57 ERA was the 6th lowest ERA among Tribe farmhands with at least 94.0 innings of work...Tabbed as the #1 prospect in the organization and the #2 prospect in the Eastern League by *Baseball America* after the season

## John McDonald

INFIELDER

8

McDonald spent most of the year in AAA Buffalo before spending the last five weeks of the season in Cleveland...He was on the disabled list at Buffalo for 8 weeks over two different stints from April 27 to June 27 with a torn muscle in his left quadriceps...At Buffalo he hit .275 (77-286) with 17 2B, 2 3B, 1 HR and 36 RBI in 75 games...He hit .351 (26-74) before the injury and .241 (51-212) after the injury with 24 RBI in 56 games...At Buffalo he appeared in 72 games at shortstop and appeared in 3 games at second base, compiling a combined fielding % of .975 (322 TC, 8 E) in 75 games...He spent two separate stints with Cleveland from August 24-31 (Chan Perry optioned) and from September 4 through the remainder of the regular season after the roster expanded to 40...He appeared in 7 games at shortstop and 2 games at second base and was 2 for 2 as a pinch-hitter...McDonald went a season-best 2 for 2 in front of his parents in Yankee Stadium on Sept. 17...He now owns a career Major League batting average of .367 (11-30) over his brief 27 game career



## Roy Smith

PITCHER

72

Smith spent the year between A Kinston and AA Akron in his first year in the Indians organization after spending the previous two seasons pitching in the independent Northern League with the St. Paul Saints...Pitched solely in relief for the first time in his career and was outstanding, compiling an organizational best 2.34 ERA between Kinston and Akron (100.0 IP, 71 H, 26 ER, 95 SO) and held Minor League hitters to a .204 (71-348) with 0 homers allowed in 49 outings...His 8 saves ranked 5th in the organization...Smith began the year at Class A Kinston...Over his last 11 appearances with Kinston, he compiled an ERA of 1.07 (25.1 IP, 17 H, 3 ER)...He did not allow a run over his last 7 appearances of the season with Akron, a span that covered 19.2 innings (8 H, 1 SO)...He went 2-1 with 4 saves and a 1.64 ERA in 12 July appearances





# Slider

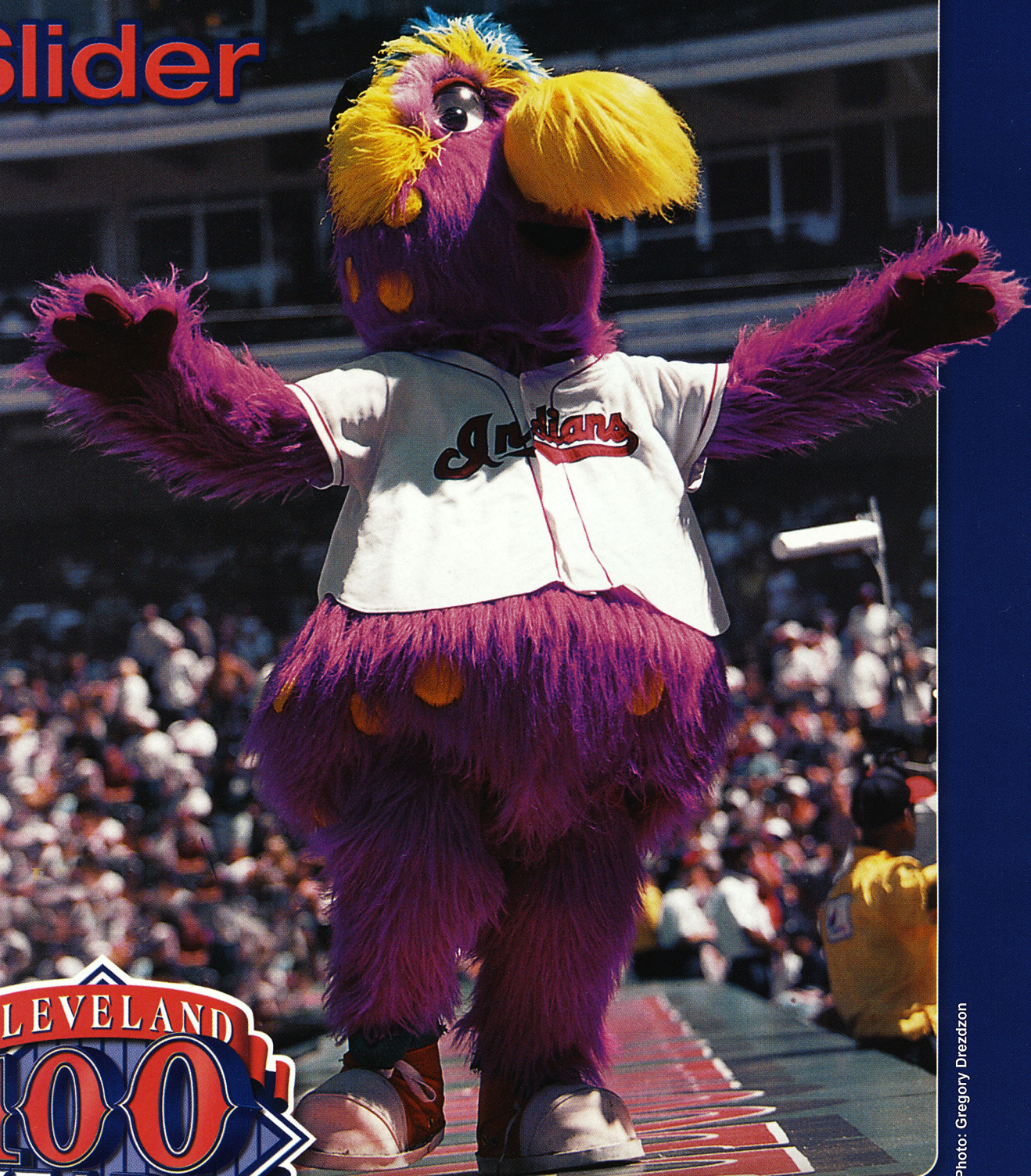


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**Age:** 10

**Born:** July 29, 1990

**Bats:** 10th

**Throws:** Popcorn and Peanuts

**Height:** Tallest in the Majors!

**Weight:** A ton of fun!

## CAREER STATISTICS

	Hot dogs slung	Hot dogs misfired	Longest distance	Ligaments torn
2000	450	15	425	0
Career	4,538	70	458	5





## CLEVELAND INDIANS CHARITIES



**Cleveland Indians Charities (CIC), the charitable arm of the Cleveland Indians, was established in 1989 to make a positive contribution to the quality of life for Northeast Ohio youth by providing educational and recreational opportunities. It is the intent of CIC that the contributions made to these organizations will energize thousands of kids to face today's challenges with courage and responsibility.**

Since 1989, CIC has donated nearly \$3.5 million to local organizations that serve the youth of Northeast Ohio. CIC has established relationships with several local organizations that focus on youth education and youth recreation. The following organizations benefit from a continued partnership with CIC:

- Cleveland Municipal School District
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland
- United Black Fund Larry Doby Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities Program
- City of Cleveland Division of Recreation Rookie League Program
- Cleveland Baseball Federation
- North American Indian Cultural Center
- Cleveland State University
- Winter Haven (Florida) Boys & Girls Club

The relationships that CIC maintains with these Northeast Ohio youth-service agencies provide the opportunity to jointly create, design, and execute programs and activities. The result is programming which helps young people develop necessary life skills, learn responsibility and cooperation, and develop courage and confidence to face today's hurdles.

The monies donated by CIC have been raised through a variety of activities and programs, including the Online Auction, the CIC Celebrity Golf Classic, Picnic in the Park with the Stars, Jacobs Field Tours, the Pepsi Corporate Hitting Challenge, and numerous other special events throughout the season. In addition, a major portion of the total was raised through the generosity of Cleveland Indians corporate partners.

In 2000, for the sixth straight year, CIC donated \$100,000 to the Cleveland Municipal School District's Athletic Department. The \$100,000 donation will help defray the cost of its high school baseball and softball programs. CIC also made significant donations to the following organizations in 2000: Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland (\$100,000); The United Black Fund (\$60,000) for the operation of the Larry Doby RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities) Program; the city of Cleveland Division of Recreation (\$45,000) for operation of the Rookie League Youth Baseball Program and a girls softball program; and Cleveland Baseball Federation (\$25,000).

The Cleveland Indians organization and its players have a unique opportunity to make a positive impact on the youth of Northeast Ohio. It is an opportunity and responsibility we embrace.



First baseman Jim Thome (far left), pitcher Dave Burba (fourth from right, back row), and manager Charlie Manuel (second from right, back row), participated in the festivities when CIC presented the Cleveland Municipal School District with \$100,000 to support their baseball and softball programs  
photo courtesy of Greg Dredzon

**If you would like information on any of the programs offered through Cleveland Indians Charities, please call 216.420.4400.**



## CLEVELAND INDIANS CHARITIES



**Online Auction** - Own a piece of Indians history! Visit [www.indians.com](http://www.indians.com) now through December to bid on a variety of Indians memorabilia, including autographed baseballs, jerseys, bats, and other unique items. Items change every Monday at 3:00pm EST.



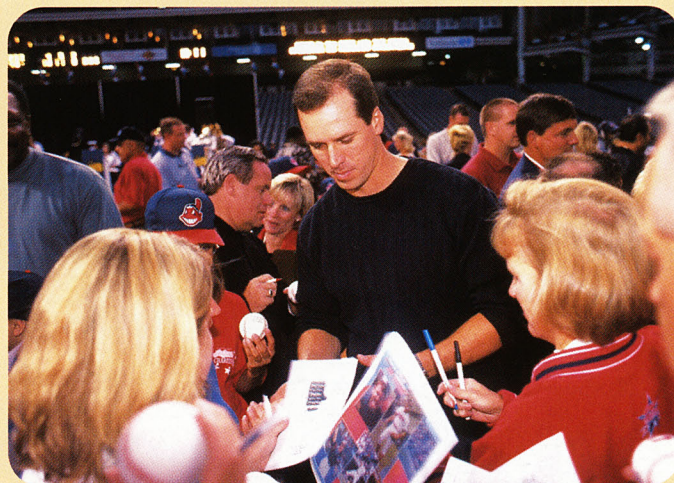
**FanCast Booth** - Get a different view of the game from a Jacobs Field broadcast

booth as you call all the action happening on the field. Participants will take home a souvenir video recording of their unique experience. Cost for one fan to broadcast an inning is \$30, or bring a friend and broadcast as a pair for \$40. **Call 216.420.4382 to book your game and innings in advance, or sign up at Guest Services in section 120.**

**Jacobs Field Tours** - Experience the excitement of Cleveland's crown jewel with a behind-the-scenes tour of one of baseball's greatest ballparks. Tours are available May through September, Monday through Saturday, plus Sundays in June, July and August when the team is on the road. Tickets are \$6.50 for adults and \$4.50 for youths 14 and under and senior citizens. A group rate and time are also available. Tickets are available at the Jacobs Field Box Office, all nine Indians Team Shops, through [www.indians.com](http://www.indians.com), and at all Ticketmaster Ticket Centers. The tour route includes a visit to the following areas: Bullpen, Club Lounge, Press Box, Dugout, Party Suite, and the Batting Cages (subject to change). **Call 216.420.4385 for more information.**



**Corporate Hitting Challenge** - Swing for the fences at the 6th annual corporate event. This single-elimination tournament pits Cleveland businesses against each other. The first round begins in May and winds up in September. All rounds take place at Jacobs Field, with warm-ups in the batting cages. Teams receive a souvenir video of their action and a commemorative gift. **Call 216.420.4389 to register your team of nine players.**



Gold-Glove third baseman Travis Fryman signs autographs at the 2000 picnic  
photo courtesy of Greg Dredzon

### Picnic in the Park with the Stars, A 100th Anniversary Gala Celebration

Saturday, July 21: You've never seen Jacobs Field quite like this before. Imagine dancing to a live swing band right on the infield, cocktails from the dugout, and mingling up close with stars. The fourth annual event will feature the entire Indians roster and coaches. In addition, we've invited the Top 100 Greatest Indians. It's baseball's past, present, and future all in one place, and only at CIC's Picnic in the Park with the Stars. **Call 216.420.4400 to order tickets.**



**Tribe Jam** - Saturday, July 7, on the Nautica Stage. Join several Tribesmen as they take to the stage with well-known, rock-n-roll stars for the celebrity rock concert event of the summer. The third annual event is sure to be fun for music and baseball fans of all ages. **Call 216.420.4400 for the complete lineup of stars and ticket prices.**



**CIC Celebrity Golf Classic** - Monday, September 17, the 10th annual golf classic will be held at Quail Hollow Resort and Country Club. Teams will be paired with Indians players, coaches and local celebrities. **Call 216.420.4400 to register.**



The highlight of Rookie League each year is an All-Star game played at Jacobs Field

**Major League Baseball Players' Alumni Association Swing with the Legends Golf Outing** - Corporate registration includes a Jacobs "Field of Dreams" clinic (Sunday, June 17), sponsors brunch and golf outing (Monday, June 18) and the Swing with the Legends Golf Outing at Tanglewood Country Club (Tuesday, June 19). **Call 216.377.2010 for further details.**



*They're New! You Won't Want To Miss Them.  
And They Benefit Cleveland Indians Charities!*

## **ONLINE AUCTIONS**

*Memorabilia collectors have a new online destination — [www.indians.com](http://www.indians.com)*

*Cleveland Indians Charities  
will make four autographed items  
available per week for online auction via  
the Tribe's website, [www.indians.com](http://www.indians.com)*

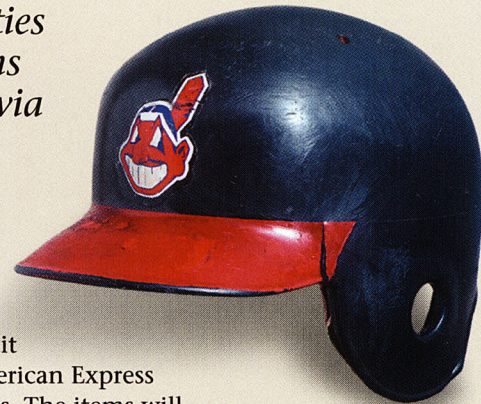
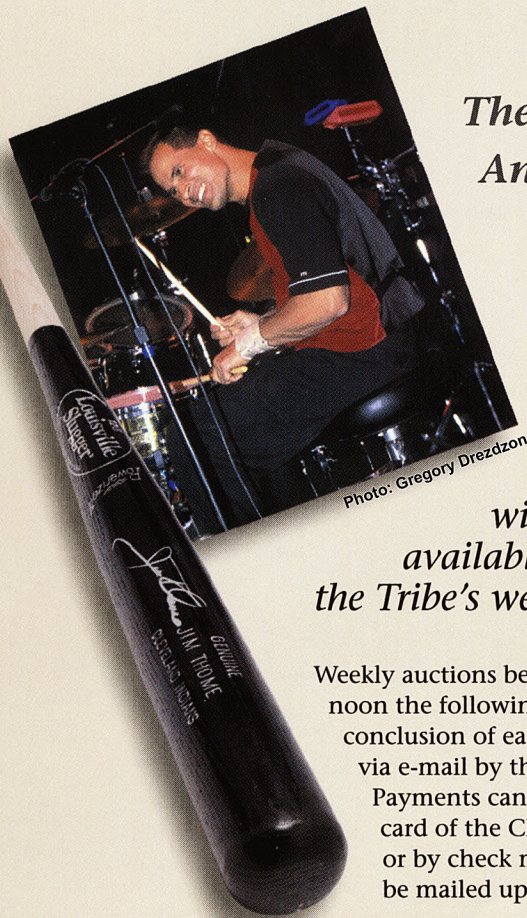
Weekly auctions begin each Monday at 3PM and run until noon the following Monday. The highest bidders at the conclusion of each weekly auction will be contacted via e-mail by the Indians for payment arrangements.

Payments can be made by MasterCard, the preferred credit card of the Cleveland Indians, or by VISA, Discover, American Express or by check made payable to Cleveland Indians Charities. The items will be mailed upon receipt of payment.

The highest bidders will have 48 hours to respond to the e-mail notification of their bid selection before the next highest bidder will be awarded the item. Minimum bids for each item will range from \$20 - \$100. All items will include a letter of authenticity.

All proceeds benefit Cleveland Indians Charities which supports youth education and recreation programs in the Greater Cleveland area.

Auction items will vary each week, but may include banners, autographed jerseys, bats, helmets, and photographs.







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